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School Committee receives new polling location

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WILMINGTON — Last Wednesday night, the School Committee heard from their high school student representatives, approved school trips and policies, reviewed a draft fiscal year 2025 budget, and learned about a new polling location during their meeting.

High school student representatives Madison Benoit and Jackson Kiley made the committee aware of recent events going on at school including senior seminars, colleges visiting the school, Lamplighters play auditions, and freshman class elections. They looked forward to this current week, which had been dubbed "Homecoming Week," with a dance to be held on Oct. 8.

School Committee member M.J. Byrnes commented with excitement for the upcoming Special Olympics, that the day is full of energy and community engagement.

The committee voted to table the Medical/Behavioral Health Emergency Plan current draft while it awaits updates by the Policy Subcommittee. They did approve the Student Absences and Excuses policy, the School Committee Protocols document, and the Action Plan of the WPS Strategic Plan. They made a small update to the con-

tent of the action plan while requesting a potential re-formatting of the document.

They then approved Wilmington students traveling to the DECA Boston State Competition in March 2024 and the California International Competition in April 2024.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero later presented a draft fiscal year 2025 budget calendar. He also mentioned the established dates in the timeline for the budget to move forward.

Dr. Jenn Bryson asked what role the committee's Budget Subcommittee would play in the preparation of the budget. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand replied it was time to call the subcommittee together to start meeting.

Mike Mercaldi added he'd like to see the School Committee meet a few times with the Finance Committee, which was something that several committee members agreed the subcommittee would do. Chair David Ragsdale stressed that the size of the school budget necessitated collaboration with the Finance Committee.

Regarding a new town polling location, Brand shared that a few voting precincts had been moved from the Wildwood School

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School Committee receives superintendent's report

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WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand updated the School Committee on CARES, the Wilmington Police Department Memorandum of Understanding, the Woburn Street assistant principal, and the Wildwood Massachusetts School Building Authority project in his report at their most recent meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Brand informed the committee of the current CARES enrollment numbers across the various schools between morning and afternoon groups. He shared that the program increased participation with the change in school start times throughout the district. He thanked the program director and her team for their effort.

He also explained the district engaged a new Memorandum of Under-

standing with the police department. He noted this is a fairly standard document which receives updates at the state level and codifies the working relationship between law enforcement, schools, and school personnel.

He included there were no substantive changes in this new MOU, and it would be posted on the website after it's signed by himself and Police Chief Joe Desmond. School Committee member Mike Mercaldi asked Brand to look into neurodiversity training for school resource officers who may interact with autistic children. The superintendent agreed to bring it up.

Brand next shared that current Wilmington Public Schools teacher Lina Jewett accepted an offer to become the Woburn Street School Interim Assistant Principal. He said the change would take effect on Oct. 9. With a sudden vacancy, Jewett emerged as a candidate for this position.

Brand explained that typically an interim position is appropriate when it comes to late openings such as these. He maintained the job is not a trial period but an opportunity



Special delivery

Isabelle Aurelia Gibbons stopped by the Wilmington fire station recently after being born at home approximately six weeks ago. Also pictured are her mother, father, firefighter Woods Jr, and firefighter Foley, all of whom assisted with the delivery. (Courtesy photo)

School Committee takes no action on a new bus or other transportation changes

By **LIZZY HILL**
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WILMINGTON — The School Committee received another bus transportation update at their most recent meeting, with public comment in the middle, and then voted to take no action at that time.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand started by assuring the community the administration was aware that the start of the school year had been less than ideal. He also established that the school start time change and the addition of instructional time at all levels making each school day longer, with the movement of the Wildwood programs into the West and the middle school, were all contributing factors.

While he said that adjustments are being made constantly by the bus transportation director, he added the department neared the limits of what was possible with what they currently have.

The changes Brand proposed that night were to change the start times at the Shawsheen and West 10 minutes later, the high school start time five

minutes earlier, the Boutwell five minutes later, and adding another bus. He shared they already reached out to North Reading Transportation, who would be able to provide another bus by Oct. 30, possibly earlier.

Chair David Ragsdale asked how the school start time changes proposed would help with the arrival and departure issues. Transportation Director Lisa Faretra replied that these changes would allow buses to arrive at the Shawsheen school earlier in some cases, while moving the Shawsheen and West start time back would accommodate the time the buses can reach the schools. The Boutwell change would allow for better arrival times in the morning.

Brand added he was well aware of issues with students waiting for buses at the end of the day.

"It's never the case that all buses are lined up at the same time immediately after dismissal," he said.

Mike Mercaldi commented that he couldn't wrap his head around the proposed start time changes without more data.

M.J. Byrnes initially commented she couldn't support adding another bus at this time, as in her mind it would just contribute to more traffic. She also shared concern for the time changes being long enough to effect change.

Dr. Jenn Bryson asked which of the proposed changes would help with the schools experiencing the most difficulty. Brand said the addition of a bus would certainly do so, and the Shawsheen and West school start times would, as well.

Mercaldi then asked about if it was achievable for all students to be dropped off by 4 p.m. Faretra said she did think it was achievable, but also called out ongoing construction causing traffic delays. Brand cautioned expecting 4 p.m. to be possible, though their goal would be to get close to 4 p.m.

Ragsdale presented concern that there were structural problems to be ameliorated which would be hard to overcome while also meeting the goals from the original school start time changes.

Stephen Turner asked

for a second time about the possibility to change the traffic light signal structure to allow buses to pass through the town more quickly.

Parents shared their concerns during public comment. Laura Schulte attested that the school bus pickup time isn't consistent, and sometimes they wait 20 minutes for the bus to come.

Another parent shared that sometimes her daughter gets home faster being picked up after 40-50 minutes of CARES than she does on the bus. She also told of a situation where she said that Faretra hung up in the middle of their phone call about an issue with the middle school bus route.

She reflected she didn't think the proposed changes would get students home by 4 p.m. A few other commenters also brought up a perceived lack of professionalism from the transportation department and the sentiment the changes wouldn't be enough.

Barb Beaudoin spoke in favor of the school start times at the middle school,

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Hull leaving after 36 years in town government

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WILMINGTON — Town Manager Jeff Hull informed the Select Board on June 22 of this year of his intention to retire from his role as town manager. The town hired Hull as assistant town manager in November of 1987, a role in which he served until he was then hired as the permanent town manager in October of 2012. Hull will have worked for the town for 36 years when he officially retires later this

month.

Hull shared that his decision to retire came about due to a combination of different issues. The main issue he highlighted was he heard feedback that a majority of the Select Board members were unhappy with his performance as town manager. He understood several board members wanted to see a new candidate come into town.

However, Hull maintained not all the board members gave this sentiment.

"It's unfortunate that I

wasn't able to meet the board's expectations," he added.

He also said it just seemed like the right time for him to retire.

Reflecting on his accomplishments as town manager, Hull identified the personnel he hired and promoted as a key part of the impact he had made.

"That's been my greatest contribution — qualified individuals committed to providing the best services they can to the town," he continued.

He also pointed out that

the town government is not a one-person operation, and any success of projects and services is the result of a whole team of town employees working together.

The town manager gave credit to those who appointed him and allowed him opportunities to grow including Buzz Stapczynski, Mike Newhouse and Mike Caira. He specifically thanked those who spearheaded the change that allowed him to serve as town manager

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Wilmington Library News:

Kate Coraccio begins her tenure as library director

The library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Adult Programs

Cookin' the Books
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! October's featured cookbook is *Africana* by Lerato Umah-Shaylor.

Needleworkers
Friday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

Kids' Book Café
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 3:45 p.m.
A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! October's themes are: Fantasy, Magic, and Spooky Stories. Grades 3-5

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Craft and Chat
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All craft supplies provided. October's featured craft is Spooky Eyeballs.

Crafternoon: Slime
Thursday, Oct. 12, 3:45 p.m.
Experiment with slime at this spooky, messy Crafternoon! Grades 4-8

Cinema History: Italian Filmmakers
Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.
Join presenter Frank



▲ Please join the library in welcoming it's new director, Kate Coraccio! Kate was previously the Deputy Director for Borrow Services at the Worcester Public Library, but has also worked at the Morse Institute Library in Natick and the Chelmsford Public Library.

instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! Ages 2-5

D&D
Saturday, Oct. 14, 3 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to

acters. Grades 6-8

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

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WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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which she called "life changing." She said her students at the middle school are succeeding. She also appreciated that the district has nine buildings to operate and between which to split transportation resources.

One parent called out an issue where students who are dropped off too early at the middle school have to wait outside until a certain time, even if it's raining. They also identified a break in communication where the transportation department says that communication is sent out but parents don't receive it.

Two 7th grade students at the middle school shared they've been late every single day of school so far, missing key parts of the opening homeroom and making their teachers and fellow students wait for them.

"The students in this town deserve to have transportation that gets them to

Parents express frustration with busing

school on time," one said.

Courtney Cataldo commented that the committee seemed to ignore concerns from elementary aged students' parents when the start times were originally changed.

"Many parents believe this town doesn't care about its students," she said. "Wilmington should be proactive and be a leader in getting students to school on time, getting home on time, being in school at the best time."

For her own students, she said they preferred the earlier start times. Several commenters shared the same opinion.

Another parent pointed out the difficulty of parents having to drop off students at two different schools that start at the same time.

Erica Garvin commented that she observed special education students being disproportionately impacted and that the so-

lutions weren't equitable or consistent.

"I want to believe and support our school district, but it's becoming increasingly difficult," she continued. "We expect and demand better for children and community."

The idea of working backwards from what's needed instead of trying to work within the complicated structure of the school district was also brought up.

As the committee's discussion continued, Mercaldi asked for a more systematic plan to be presented regarding the timeline and impact of the proposed changes to allow the committee to make an effective decision.

Jay Samaha suggested the district identify an immediate plan, a short-term plan, and a long-term plan. He asked about how communications goes out to parents regarding bus updates. Brand shared his understanding which was that they use email and/or texts, though someone in the audience stated updates are only communicated using a Google Excel sheet on the school

website.

Jesse Fennelly said he wanted to see the district reconsider what is "on time" to allow students to get to their locker before the start of their first class.

Bryson also asked for more data to be put on the website from each day's arrival and pickup times. She wanted to see a change made at the middle school to allow students inside the building as early as they are dropped off by the bus. She proposed the committee reconvene as soon as possible with more data to support their decisions.

Turner said he was willing to make the proposed changes soon, and a few were initially willing to support the addition of another bus. However, other committee members wanting more data won out, considering that the extra NRT bus wouldn't be available until Oct. 30, anyway.

Brand confirmed his team would need additional time to provide the data requested. The committee voted to table their vote on all the proposed changes for their next meeting with one opposed.

They set the next meeting to Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

High school temporary location for voting

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once it shut down to the Boutwell School and the town hall. In that move, the town reported a strain on the two facilities, which has led to concern about access and accessibility for future voting.

Brand explained Town Manager Jeff Hull came to him seeking cooperation to identify an additional voting location, which was determined to be the high school. This would be temporary until the new town hall/school administration building is built, as the project includes a large voting room. Next year there would be the presidential and local elections, some taking place on school days and others on weekends.

With the expected turnout for the presidential election on Nov. 5, Brand said they wanted to ensure full access to voters via a proposal to cancel school on that day. He also asked what it might look like to have school in session with voters coming in, in terms of safety and access. This

could include partitions and additional police presence.

Jesse Fennelly shared his own experience going to a school that was open for elections but also concern regarding parking limitations. He asked if the town considered any other options for locations.

Brand mentioned the district administration reached out to one of the nearby churches to the high school for extra parking availability. He also suggested that this be an additional professional development day.

They moved to pass over the final bullying prevention and intervention plan incorporating community feedback along with the first reading of the new superintendent goals.

Byrnes delivered the only subcommittee report of the night to inform the committee that the MASC booklet had been mailed out.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5 to vote on the town polling location and receive another bus transportation update.

Five students named to Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — Jenna Garrity of Wilmington and Delaney Conserva of Tewksbury, Cali O'Riordan of Tewksbury, Scott Valler of Tewksbury, and Michael Ladderbush of Tewksbury have been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.


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Wilmington Library celebration for Tina Stewart

On Sept. 15, 2023, community members and library staff came together to wish Tina Stewart good luck in her retirement and reminisce on all that she has done during her long tenure at the Wilmington Memorial Library. Check out this heart warming feature produced by WCTV's Ismah Khan.

*This program can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Tuesday Oct. 5, 7 p.m. - Select Board (*Special date)

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Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. - School Committee

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For midwest charm, there's no better place to visit than the small city of Kenosha, Wisconsin. This port on the shores of Lake Michigan boasts an impressive history and a modern offering of amenities.

Kenosha is conveniently located between Milwaukee and Chicago, making it an accessible destination for midwest travelers. Fans of the classic film "Home Alone" will recognize Kenosha as the home of John Candy's character Gus Polinski, Polka King of the Midwest, and his band The Kenosha Kickers.

Once a major automobile manufacturing hub, the city is now home to Snap-On and

Lake Michigan from the shores of Kenosha. Lake Michigan is the only one of the Great Lakes that is entirely within the boundary of the United States.



▲ HarborPark is the gem of the Kenosha waterfront with 69 acres of redeveloped shoreline along Lake Michigan. Kenosha North Pier Lighthouse, the Sculpture Walk, and the shoreline promenade are just some of the features of this magnificent public space. (Paige Impink photos)

Visit Kenosha, Wisconsin for midwest charm

Jockey.

Kenosha has a fabulous museum scene, with several Smithsonian affiliates in the city. The free Kenosha Public Museum is a must-visit for families and adults alike. Exhibits trace the history of Wisconsin, from the Ice Age to the mammoths, several of which have been excavated in Wisconsin, including the Schaefer mammoth, which is the largest and most complete mammoth ever excavated.

A four-seasons village exhibit dives into the lives of indigenous peoples in the area; Kenosha sits on Potawatomi land, which they were forced to cede to the US government in the 1800s.

The museum also has an impressive collection of dioramas, and an exhibit devoted

to six ecosystems covered in life-size replicas of taxidermy animals from around the world. The Cabinets of Curiosity exhibit helps visitors understand the historic roots of curation dating back to the sixteenth century; follow several hundred years of collections leading to the development of the modern museum exhibit.

The Field Station activity area gives youngsters the chance to get up close and personal with science, and activities are frequently offered for families. The museum also dedicates several galleries to the fine arts, showcasing works by local artists and amplifying the Wisconsin art scene.

The nearby Dinosaur Discovery Museum takes visi-

tors through the evolution of carnivorous dinosaurs to today's birds, with life-size fossil replicas aplenty. Kids will enjoy engaging in a variety of educational activities and exploring the archaeological process.

Kenosha's Civil War Museum rounds out the city's excellent offering of institutions. The museum explores the lives of the one million soldiers serving in the Union Army from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

During the war, the Midwest provided a significant amount of agriculture to the northern states. Learn more about how Americans far from the fighting lived during the war.

Kenosha has a quirky, walk-

able downtown, with dozens of shops and cafes to explore; there's a souvenir or experience out there for everyone. Be sure to visit the Kenosha HarborMarket and get a taste of Wisconsin's finest food offerings.

Not to be missed are the public parks of Kenosha on the shore of Lake Michigan. The waterfront is accessible, walkable, and provides unparalleled views of both the lake and the city skyline. Public art abounds and visitors will enjoy seeing Kenosha's lighthouses.

With a rich history and lots to do, Kenosha is not to be missed.

For more information visit www.visitkenosha.com and www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org.

OBITUARY

Ann M. (O'Brien) Stygles Loved spending time in Maine

Ann M. (O'Brien) Stygles, age 93, of Warren, ME, formerly of Wilmington and Charlestown, passed away peacefully on Sept. 26, 2023, after a long illness.

Ann was born on Aug. 12, 1930, in Charlestown; she was the dear daughter of the late Jeremiah and Anne (Sullivan) O'Brien. Ann spent her early years in Charlestown where she was raised and educated all while summering with family at Silver Lake in Wilmington.

Ann's family then moved to Wilmington on a more permanent basis where she continued her education and made many life-long friends. Ann was always proud of her Charlestown roots and was a "townie" at heart.

Following high school, Ann took a job at the First National Grocery Store in Winchester where she met "her sweetheart" Daniel Stygles. The couple soon became inseparable and were married in 1951.

Ann and Dan bought their home on Jones Avenue in Wilmington where they raised a beautiful family and shared many great times together before Dan's untimely passing in 1985.

Ann was a very devoted wife and mother; she loved to cook and always had Sunday dinners ready for her family to gather together.



Ann and Dan enjoyed camping with their children; York Beach and Old Orchard Beach in Maine were some of their favorite destinations.

In later years, Ann, thoroughly enjoyed her role as "Nana" to her grandchildren and "Grammy" to her great-grandchildren; she was always so proud of her family and of all their accomplishments.

Ann was a woman of great faith and a devout Catholic; she was a parishioner at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington for many years and following her move to Maine she quickly became a parishioner at St. Bernard's Parish in Rockland, ME.

In her spare time, Ann enjoyed shopping, rides along the ocean, and spending time with her family and friends. She travelled to Ireland, Hawaii, Florida, and Georgia with family; they always had a great time and a lot of laughs.

Ann will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady; she had a quiet demeanor and a huge heart. Ann was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need and her unconditional love and devotion for her family was evident in everything she did. Ann will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Ann was the devoted wife of 34 years to the late Daniel J. Stygles, she was the loving mother of Carol Boudreau and her husband Robert, Daniel J. Stygles, Jr. and his wife Nancy, John "Jackie" Stygles and his wife Carol, James "Jamie" Stygles and his late wife Joy, Patricia Stygles, Joseph Stygles and his wife Debbie and Colleen Otis and her husband Mark.

Ann was the special "Nana" of Jennifer, Jacqueline, Jessica, Julie, Chris, Danielle, Ryan, Shane, Nicole, Jolene, and the late Melissa as well as special "Grammy" to her 12 great-grandchildren.

She was the dear sister of the late Mary Lee, Edward O'Brien, Vincent O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, Catherine "Kay" Graham, and Martin O'Brien.

She is also survived by her many nieces and nephews and their families.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1 - 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to the American Can-

cer Society, 3 Speen St., Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701 or to St. Dorothy's Church, c/o Parish of the Transfiguration, 11 Harnden St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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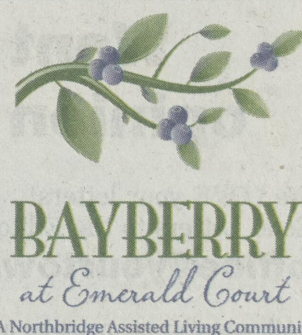
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Upcoming local events

Saturday, Oct. 7, Ryan school library clean up event. Help the Ryan school reset their library so students can take out books. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact ryanlibrarytewksbury@gmail.com or stop in.

Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, sponsored by the Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy and the Italian Heritage Month Committee, the 13th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic will be held at the Hillview Golf Course, 149 North St. in North Reading, beginning at 9 a.m. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Italian American Heritage Fund. \$150pp includes greens fee, golf cart, a player gift, driving range, continental breakfast, hot dog/chips/soda at the turn, and a luncheon buffet. Golfers may register individually or in teams of four. Prizes for top three teams and contests on the course. Shotgun start and scramble format. Contact Tournament Chairman Kevin Cairra at [978.657.7734](tel:978.657.7734) for information on participating in the tournament, sponsorships, or donating a gift to the raffle.

Saturday, October 14, Town Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tire off rim drop off at DPW, clothing and accessory donation, pick up trash around town, food pantry donations. Great for community service hours. Clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, the

Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy invite you to join the Dominators Car Club as they show off 200+ impeccably preserved vehicles from yesteryear on from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Old Swain Parking Lot, 142 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Spectators FREE. Show cars \$10 entry fee. Refreshment served for nominal fee: breakfast sandwiches, donuts, burgers, hot dogs, sausages, chips, soft drinks. Contact Chairman John Romano at 978.988.8045 for more information.

Sunday, Oct. 22, Blessing of the Animals, Tewksbury Congregational Church, 1-2:30 p.m. Bring your animal in a cage or on leash, or photo of your deceased pet for a blessing by Rev. Baxter Chism. Treat bag. 10 East St.

Monday, Oct. 30, Strongwater Farm Open House, 4 - 6 p.m. Free and fun for the whole family. Costumes encouraged. Pick up some treats for the kids!

Tuesday, Oct. 31, Halloween Trick or Treat Tewksbury 6 - 8 p.m.

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus Cribbage on Mondays.

Gov. Healey celebrates Climate Week by establishing nation's first long-term biodiversity goals

WESTBOROUGH — In celebration of National Climate Week, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey signed two key executive orders to address climate change and sustainability. The first executive order directs the state to develop biodiversity goals for 2030, 2040, and 2050. Massachusetts is the first state to set metrics out to 2050, and the first on the East Coast to include coastal and marine biodiversity.

The second executive order bans the executive branch agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles, a key contributor to ocean pollution.

Healey first announced the Executive Orders earlier this week at the 2023 Clinton Global Initiative's annual meeting, which was focused on how to "keep going" in challenging times and to build a stronger future for us all. Governor Healey's remarks were part of the session "Tides Turning: How to Accelerate Sustainable Practices for Ocean Conservation" and are available to watch <https://www.clintonfoundation.org/clinton-global-initiative-september-2023-meeting/?w=slide-tides-turninghow-to-panel>.

"Massachusetts has a long history of being first in the nation, and we're proud to be the first to set long-term targets for biodiversity and to ban state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles," said Governor Healey. "Our state is home to precious natural resources — from our towering forests, numerous lakes and ponds, vast network of rivers, and beautiful marshland, estuaries, and

abundant ocean — that clean our air, power our economy, and serve as a home to hundreds threatened and rare species. These lands define the culture of our state, and today, we are taking bold action to preserve them for generations to come." "The importance of sustaining and restoring our state's biodiversity cannot be overstated," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By taking action now, we can ensure that we are balancing development, climate action, and conservation in a thoughtful way. We can't have strong communities without tackling waste and protecting our natural resources."

Biodiversity Executive Order

Massachusetts has spent decades protecting natural resources. This executive order directs the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to conduct a review of existing biodiversity conservation efforts and establish goals and strategies to achieve a nature-positive future for Massachusetts in 2030, 2040, and 2050. Goals will focus on sustaining a full array of Massachusetts plants, animals, and habitats to survive and flourish while providing equitable access to nature and ensuring a climate-resilient landscape for the future.

The 2019 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services estimated that three-quarters of the world's land surface and 66 percent of its oceans had been significantly altered, and one million species face extinction with

in decades. Climate change is accelerating this decline, seriously affecting public health, the economy, food security, and emissions reductions. More than half the world's total gross domestic product is "moderately or highly dependent" vulnerable to biodiversity loss.

Massachusetts' oceans, rivers, forests, marshes, and conserved lands are critical natural assets for the regional economy and reducing the effects of climate change. Threats to biodiversity include habitat loss and fragmentation, infrastructure, pollution, climate change impacts, and invasive species. Currently, there are over 430 species listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. Protecting biodiversity is a long-term investment in the health, economy, and climate resilience of Massachusetts.

"Our forests and oceans are some of the most important tools for climate action that we have," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "Our natural resources are a climate solution by design, and it is incumbent upon us to protect them. This framework will also ensure that environmental justice communities can access these green spaces and outdoor recreation as the weather gets more extreme."

"Already we've seen impacts to species and their habitats to species and their habitats across Massachusetts," said DFG Commissioner Tom O'Shea. "Without setting these targets, we risk further erosion of these natural lands and waters and the species that call

them home. The ripple effects on public health, the economy, and food security could be profound. The Department of Fish and Game is proud to be leading this groundbreaking initiative, and we aspire to be a national example for action on biodiversity."

Single-Use Plastic Executive Order

The executive order bars all executive offices and agencies in Massachusetts from purchasing single-use plastic bottles under 21 fluid ounces, effective immediately and except in cases of emergency.

Most single-use plastic bottles are made from petroleum-based polyethylene terephthalate in refineries that run on fossil fuels. Plastic bottles require as much as 400 years to break down into microplastic that pollutes and leaches toxins. Americans throw away about 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, and scientists have estimated there may be more plastic than fish by weight in the ocean by 2050.

"At every step of the production process, single-use plastic is polluting our communities and harming our wildlife," said first-in-the-nation Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer. "Massachusetts is a proud coastal state, and we will not stand by while plastic brings harm to our ocean and the communities that rely on it. My office looks forward to implementing this bold vision for a whole-of-government approach to reducing waste and protecting our natural resources."

Health curriculum

update accomplishes ideas of Masconomet students

BOSTON — A bill that Representative Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover) authored in partnership with local Masconomet students has been successfully included in the updated framework that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) adopted last week. It is the first update to Massachusetts' health and sex education curriculum since 1999.

BESE's update includes new standards for health curriculum that were proposed in H.543, An Act relative to health programs in schools, filed by Rep. Nguyen.

H.543 would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to modernize the outdated health curriculum framework, including thoughtful discussions about nutrition, body image, and disordered eating, and their

impacts on physical, mental, and emotional health.

Masconomet Regional High School students, Ivy Michaud and Maya Schildkraut, initially reached out to Rep. Nguyen at the beginning of 2021, seeking to update the health curriculum in their school to better reflect the needs of today's students.

They worked directly with Rep. Nguyen to develop the bill language and remained strong advocates for their ideas this session when it was filed again.

"These updates to the health curriculum are timely. I'm glad that our students will receive the tools they need to develop healthy relationships with their bodies in today's world where they face pressure not just from their peers, but from media," said Rep. Nguyen. "I'm especially proud of Maya and Ivy,

whose ideas were realized in this update, for being civically engaged at such a young age."

"I'm very glad we could make this happen," Michaud said. "It's so important that our generation knows that you can really make a change if you're passionate and more than a little stubborn."

Under the new curriculum, children of all ages will learn about how the world around them can influence their body image, self-esteem, and behavior, and how they should treat their peers with respect regardless of their body shape and size. The older students will also analyze relationships between body image, disordered eating, and mental health, and learn strategies for maintaining a healthy, positive body image.

"Ivy and I were able to help accomplish something



▲ From left are Rep. Tram Nguyen, Ivy Michaud, Maya Schildkraut, and her grandmother Deborah Schildkraut at the Boxford Apple Festival in 2021. They are joined by Rep. Nguyen's dog, Bruno. (Courtesy photo)

taining a healthy, positive body image.

"Ivy and I were able to help accomplish something

that we fought hard for, and I think that's a really special thing," said Schildkraut. "I encourage every-

one to look for more ways in which they can further help in the fight against eating disorders."

Halloween Bingo Bash

TEWKSBURY — Come hear your favorite songs, sing with friends, win raffle prizes, costume contest and have loads of fun!

Location: The Elks

Lodge, 777 South St., Tewksbury, MA 01876

When: Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Tickets: \$30 per person or \$250 for a table of 10.

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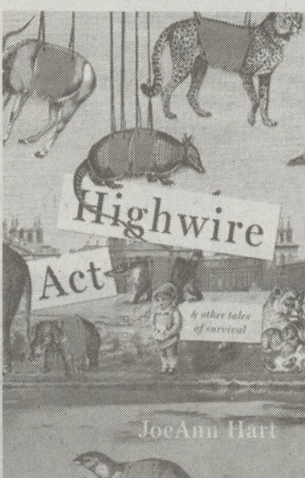
Book Stew:

Are we in denial about our survival?

Returning Gloucester author JoeAnn Hart discusses her award-winning short story collection "Highwire Act and Other Tales of Survival" with host Eileen MacDougall.

The 18 stories reflect both future and current American struggles with the changed world that is now and the frightening world to come. There's both threat and humor to be found in these tales of climate change, as JoeAnn reads from her story Piece of History, which opens with an enchanting real estate ad and ends with... well, you'll have to read the book to see!

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Sa-



turdays at noon. Also available on demand, click on the links below:

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OBITUARIES

Scott S. Bonica

Played football at Wilmington High

Scott S. Bonica, age 32, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family and friends on Oct. 2, 2023.

Scott was born on April 8, 1991, in Waltham; he was the cherished son of John P. and the late Nancy S. (Simons) Bonica of Wilmington.

Scott was raised and educated in Wilmington; he loved playing sports throughout his life and made many life-long friends. Scott was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 2009 and a member of the Wildcats football team.

Scott went on to further his education at Johnson & Wales University and was employed as a Purchasing Manager for Star Sales & Distributing Corporation.

Scott loved traveling, especially to Myrtle Beach and Prince Edward Island in Canada. His contagious laugh and palpable energy for life uplifted everyone around him. Be it at a Boston sport's event, golfing, the beach, or family and friend gatherings,

Scott ensured to remain surrounded by those he cherished the most.

Scott held all his relationships dear. But what he had in Sara, he knew was special. Sara and Scott's devotion to one another goes unmatched. Their shared happiness will carry on in beautiful memories of traveling together and simply being together.

Scott will be fondly remembered for his big heart, endearing personality, and beautiful soul; he was always there to lend a hand or an ear to family and friends. Scott's brief time on earth left such an imprint on those he touched; he will forever be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Scott was the loving brother of Lauren (Bonica) Murray and her husband Cory of Salem, NH, beloved boyfriend of Sara Pudvelis of Wilmington. Scott is further survived by his faithful dog Zoey, as well as his large and loving extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Family and friends will



gather for a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Friday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Scott's memory may be made to the Kaplan Family Hospice House, 75 Sylvan St., Ste. B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

William D. 'Bill' Myers

Active at United Methodist Church

William D. "Bill" Myers, age 95, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 28, 2023.

Bill was born on July 14, 1928, in Grafton, West Virginia; he was the cherished son of the late William A. and Ruby P. (Squires) Myers.

Bill was legally blind from birth but that never stopped him from achieving his goals and making the most of life.

He was raised and educated in Grafton, graduating from Grafton High School with the Class of 1946. Bill went on to further his education, graduating from West Virginia University in 1950 with a bachelor's degree and earning his MBA from Northeastern University in Boston on June 20, 1965.

Bill had an incredible work ethic and was sought after by several companies throughout the years. Bill worked as an engineer; his vast knowledge as well as his great people skills made him quite successful throughout his career.

Bill also had his own business as a Jewell Manufacturing; he was very creative and made some really nice, custom camper caps for trucks.

Bill married Rose Marie Myers in May of 1954; the couple settled in Wilmington where they raised their three beautiful children. Bill was a very devoted father and adored being a grandfather.

In 1963 the American Federation for the Blind held a ceremony and awarded Bill the "Blind Father of the Year Award"; nothing stopped Bill from taking care of those he loved.

Bill's wife passed in 2001

which left quite a void in his life; they shared nearly 47 wonderful years together with their family and friends, had a lot of great times, and lots of laughs throughout the years but he managed to move on with the help of family and friends.

Bill was always going out of his way to help others; he was very soft-spoken but endearing personality and everyone loved him.

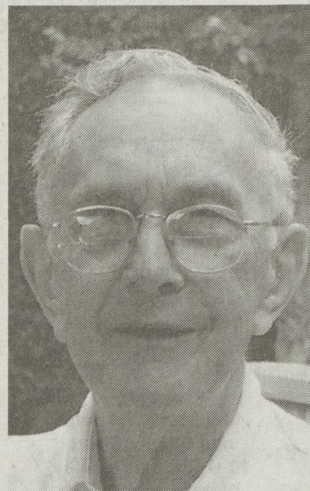
Bill was very active at the Wilmington United Methodist Church and was not afraid to jump in and help where needed. He was a man of great faith and part of that faith allowed him to fall in love again with a fellow parishioner Barbara Belbin who had also lost her spouse.

Bill and Barbara made a great couple; they shared many wonderful times together and made things "official" by marrying nearly 20 years ago.

In his spare time, Bill enjoyed working in his yard, taking trips to West Virginia to explore his roots and visit family and friends, and catching up on his knowledge of history; his favorite subject. Most of all, Bill looked forward to the times he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, and making memories to last for generations to come.

He will be fondly remembered as a great guy who will forever be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill was the beloved husband of Barbara Myers and the late Rose Marie Myers who passed in 2001, devoted father of Wesley D. Myers and his wife Debbie of Derry, NH, Russell A. Myers and his wife Kathy of Merrimack, NH,



and Terri M. Correnti and her husband Joseph of Salem.

He was the loving "Granddaddy" of Patrick and his fiancé Nicole, Mackenzie and her fiancé Jordan, Zachary and his wife Ashley, Anthony, Amanda and her husband Albert as well as his great-grandchildren Jaylen and Albert Joseph.

Bill was the dear brother of the late Janice C. Myers.

Family and friends gathered at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Oct. 3 for Visitation from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. followed by a Service in the Church at 1 p.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

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Michael J. 'Mike' Murphy

Had a passion for boxing, won junior titles

Michael J. "Mike" Murphy, age 41, a long-time resident of Wilmington, formerly of Charlestown, passed away due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Sept. 28, 2023.

Mike was born on Jan. 17, 1982, in Boston; he was the son of Michael F. "Mickey" and Janice M. (Ahearn) Murphy.

As a young child, Mike was educated in Charlestown and attended St. Catherine's Church with his family. He belonged to Charlestown Pop Warner, where he made many life-long friends.

The Murphy family moved to Wilmington in 1994, but Mike remained involved in Charlestown throughout his life; he always considered himself a "Townie."

Mike graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 2001; he played football for a few years and belonged to the wrestling team.

Following graduation, Mike went to work for the Boston Shipping Association as a Longshoreman. He worked for ILA Local 799 for over 22 years and served as Vice President of the Union. Mike loved his job and the people he worked with.

Mike started his boxing career at age nine at the gym in Charlestown. He had a passion for boxing; with hard work and dedication, Mike had quite a distinguished career.

He traveled to Lake Placid, NY where he won the New England Junior Olympic Championship for three years in a row starting in 1996. Boxing remained an important part of Mike's life; recently, he was working toward creating a charity for children who also had a passion for boxing.

Mike married Kimberly (Elwell) Murphy over 17

years ago; they had two children, Dempsey Seamus, and Lyla Rose. Dempsey and Lyla were the "light of Mike's life"; he was so proud of them.

Mike enjoyed watching Dempsey's sporting events and cheering him on from the stands. Lyla and Mike had a special bond through their parallel personalities, and she knew just how to make Mike laugh.

Mike had several hobbies, but his favorite was playing the bagpipes. Mike started playing as an adult, but he practiced almost every day to master the instrument. He served as the President of the Charlestown Bunker Hill Pipe Band, which originated from the Halligan Club.

The band marched in several parades, including Charlestown's Bunker Hill Day parade. Mike was generous with his time when he received requests to play at weddings and funerals; he really enjoyed being part of the bagpipe rituals.

Mike's family and friends were most important to him; he was well known for organizing several "times" including a recent birthday party for his dad, Mickey.

Mike loved Christmas and planned a holiday party for his neighborhood complete with sleigh rides for the kids. He enjoyed getting people together and having a good time. Mike kept in touch with many people; he was the person who reached out to others and made sure he communicated with his life-long friends.

Mike will be remembered for his love of his Irish Heritage; he was well known as "Irish Mike" in his boxing career and loved all things Irish. Mike will also be remembered for his fun-loving and gregarious personality.



Mike was the beloved husband of Kimberly A. (Elwell) Murphy, devoted father of Dempsey Seamus Murphy and Lyla Rose Murphy, cherished son of Michael F. "Mickey" and Janice M. (Ahearn) Murphy of Wilmington, dear brother of Kristen Burke and her husband John of Saugus, Daniel Murphy, Sean Murphy and his girlfriend Rachel Montagna, and Brendan Murphy all of Wilmington, loving uncle of Seamus Burke, brother-in-law of Michael Moran.

Mike is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street, (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Memorial donations in Mike's name may be made to the American Brain Foundation, 201 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55415.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Nancy L. (Peters) Nickerson

Loved animals especially horses

Nancy L. (Peters) Nickerson, age 66, of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 25, 2023, at her family cabin in Cornish, Maine.

Nancy was born in Lowell on Dec. 19, 1956; she was the cherished daughter of the late Robert and Dorothy (Mongan) Peters.

Nancy was raised and educated in Wilmington, and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1975.

Throughout her life Nancy loved her animals, especially horses. Growing up on Grant St. Nancy enjoyed riding her pride and joy Chacora throughout the neighborhoods as often as she could.

Later in life she would in her spare time find herself volunteering at horse farms that homed neglected and abused horses. She had a real true special way of bonding with these animals.

Nancy married and moved to Londonderry, New Hampshire in 1984, where she raised "her boys" Ryan and Greg. Nancy was a devoted and loving mother; she was always there for her boys at countless school and sporting events to cheer them on and show them her unconditional love and support. Nancy beamed with pride when she spoke of her sons and of their many accomplishments.

Nancy took a position at the Londonderry Post Office as a mail carrier. Nancy knew the neighborhoods inside and out; she made many friends with her customers throughout the years and in November of 2022 she finally retired following nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the post office and the people of

Londonderry.

In her spare time, Nancy loved to go to her family's cabin in Cornish, Maine; this was her "most treasured place" on earth where she made many wonderful memories with her family while she was growing up. Nancy loved to take her boys to the cabin, watching them grow up on the river; she enjoyed the beauty of nature all around her and the fun times shared with her family and friends throughout the years.

Nancy will be fondly remembered as a hard worker, a beautiful lady inside and out who had a heart of gold. She loved her family and friends with all her heart, and she will forever be missed by all.

Nancy was the beloved mother of Ryan Nickerson and Greg Nickerson, both of New Hampshire, dear sister of Kathleen Ressler and her husband Ronald, Mark Peters and his wife Ada, Richard Peters and his wife Mary, and the late Robert Peters.

Nancy is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Oct. 11 from 3 - 6 p.m.



In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Windrush Farm Therapeutic Equitation, Inc. 479 Lacy St., North Andover, MA 01845 or online at info@windrush-farm.org

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Upcoming flu clinics for Wilmington residents

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FLU CLINIC 1
 Oct. 25, 2023 3 - 6 p.m.
 121 Glen Road, Wilmington Town Hall
 Appointment registration: <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/wilmington?calendar=a2527d99-34d8-432b-8617-00c65b4ca0ae&site=wilmington-town-hall>

FLU CLINIC 2
 Nov. 1, 2023 3 - 6 p.m.
 121 Glen Road, Wilmington Town Hall
<https://home.color.com/>

[vaccine/register/wilmington?site=wilmington-town-hall](https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/wilmington?site=wilmington-town-hall)

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE
POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. MI20P0280GD

In the Interests of:
James McHoul
of Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the Court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since

the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/23/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. **Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 25, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P1444EA

Estate of: **Lynne Cabral**
Also known as:
Lynn Ann Cabral
Date of Death: 02/24/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Kathy Bell of Austin TX** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kathy Bell of Austin TX** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/25/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 27, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 28, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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234072 10/4/23

3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS

234067 10/04/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**

CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI23C1074CA

In the matter of:
Gary E Murphy

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Gary E Murphy of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Conor Hanlon

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/26/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 28, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
231164 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 16, 2023 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Brad Capadanno on behalf of JSR East Street LLC for a Use Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to operate an electrical wholesale distribution business as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1059 East Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 7, zoned Industrial I within the Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
231124 9/27, 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

INVITATION TO BID
Obdens Field
Lighting Installation Project

The Town of Tewksbury acting through its Town Manager will receive bids for equipment and installation of lighting poles, fixtures, footings and LED lamps and any associated electrical wiring and conduits at Obdens Baseball Field on Livingston Street. Sealed bids on bid forms provided within the bid documents and specifications shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 with the designation "Obdens Field Lighting Installation Project" on the envelope. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Meeting Room at 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 10:00AM.

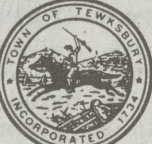
Information and Instructions to Bidders, Contract and Specifications can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876, (978) 640-4300. All bids are subject to MGL Chapter 30B.

For information pertaining to this bid, please contact Town Manager Richard Montuori at 978-640-4300.

The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

231159 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk along town roads.

The location of town trees affected include: (1) Black Cherry at 13 Bailey Road; (2) White Oaks at 11 Edgewood Road; (1) Red Maple at 240 Fiske Street; (2) White Oaks at 29 Pringle Street; (1) Oak at 491 Trull Road; (3) White Oaks at 501 Trull Road; (3) Oaks at 541 Trull Road.

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, is available weekdays at the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and Library during normal business hours; and on the Town's website www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Kevin Hardiman
Director of Public Works
231156 10/4,11/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Batten Bros., Inc. on behalf of Karastamatis LLC for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to replace two existing wall-mounted signs on northwest and southeast elevations as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 295 Main Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 83, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
231125 9/27, 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW
SPECIAL PERMIT
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 16, 2023, 2023 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 911-913 East Street, LLC for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to raze some existing buildings, relocate some buildings, and construct a 30-unit multifamily dwelling as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 913 East Street, Assessor's Map 102, Lot 52, zoned Industrial I.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
231127 9/27, 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court
Middlesex North Division
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852**

CITATION ON GENERAL
PETITION TO REINSTATE
THE TREATMENT PLAN

Docket No. MI07P0713GI

In the matter of: **Jessica Caron**
Formerly of: **Tewksbury,
County of Middlesex**

To all interested persons: A Petition has been presented in the above captioned matter by: **Department of Mental Health** requesting that this Honorable Court reinstate to treat the respondent with anti-psychotic medication(s) in accordance with the treatment plan.

You have a right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before **10:00 a.m. on 10/10/23.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court

Date: **September 22, 2023**
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
231153 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS**

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 17-23
Stacey McDonald
Map A90, Parcel 42
11 Ella Avenue

- to acquire a Special Permit Section 6.6.7.7 for the Ground Water Protection District

Case 18-23
**Heidrea Communications/
T-Mobile**
Map R1, Parcel 23
773 Salem Street

- to acquire a Variance for an Extension of Tower Antenna above 120 Feet

231094 9/27, 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW
SPECIAL PERMIT
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 16, 2023, 2023 at 7:15 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by - L&G Main Street, LLC c/o Garrett Berube on behalf of Gar-Bar Realty Trust, L&G Main Street LLC, John G. MacLellan Inc for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to raze some existing buildings, relocate some buildings, and construct a 30-unit multifamily dwelling as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1167, 1177, 1187 Main Street, Assessor's Map 61, Lots 1, 105, 107, zoned Town Center within the Flood Plain Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
231128 9/27, 10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court
Middlesex North Division
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852**

CITATION ON GENERAL
PETITION TO REINSTATE
THE TREATMENT PLAN

Docket No. MI96P5624GI

In the matter of: **Guardianship of Arthur Sheldon of: Tewksbury, County of Middlesex**

To all interested persons: A Petition has been presented in the above captioned matter by: **Blueberry Hill Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center** requesting that this Honorable Court reinstate to treat the respondent with anti-psychotic medication(s) in accordance with the treatment plan.

You have a right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before **10:00 a.m. on 10/24/23.**

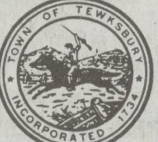
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Witness, Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court

Date: **September 26, 2023**
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
234068 10/4/23



LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
STORM DRAIN PIPELINE AND
STRUCTURE CLEANING AND
CCTV INSPECTION (FY24)
CONTRACT NO. PW-24-03**

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for STORM DRAIN PIPELINE AND STRUCTURE CLEANING AND CCTV INSPECTION (FY24), Contract PW-24-03, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 2:00 p.m., on **Wednesday, October 18th, 2023** at that time and place, Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

In the event of inclement weather on the date of the bid opening in which the Tewksbury Department of Public Works building is closed, the bid acceptance deadline and the bid opening will be rescheduled to 2:00PM on the next date that the Tewksbury Department of Public Works is open. Notification of any rescheduling of the bid opening date will be posted to Projectdog as an Addendum.

The proposed work under this

contract includes but is not limited to furnishing all necessary labor, materials, tools, and equipment to complete storm drainage system pipeline and structure cleaning and closed circuit television inspections, root cutting where necessary, cutting of protruding laterals where necessary, removal, transporting, and disposal of drainage system sediments at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, maintaining a safe work site, and ordering police details where necessary. The work is anticipated to begin in November 2023 and must be completed by June 30, 2024. The Owner does not guarantee a specific quantity to be purchased, or items to be used. Final quantities will be determined by the Engineer based on bid pricing received and available funding. The Owner and the successful bidder may agree upon a renewal option, by mutual consent, to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional fiscal years based on the terms stated in the Agreement.

Contract Documents are available after 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, October 4th 2023 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 858214 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 7:30 a.m. -

Wilmington offers disability screenings for students

WILMINGTON — It is the responsibility of the Wilmington Public Schools to identify any child who may have a disability who is either a resident of Wilmington or who attends a private school within the geographic boundaries of Wilmington even if the student is not a resident of Wilmington. This also includes students who are homeschooled.

Wilmington Public Schools is also responsible for the evaluation of those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or

related services under federal law, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or Massachusetts State Law, 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

Wilmington Public Schools is also committed to identifying children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three- and four-year olds with disabilities. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development and would like to have him/her screen-

ed, please call the Office of Student Support Services at 978-694-6032 to set up an appointment.

If you suspect that your child may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services, you may request an evaluation, at no cost, through the Wilmington Public Schools. Please contact us at the following:

Office of Student Support Services
219 Middlesex Ave
Wilmington, MA 01887
978-694-6032

Rossetti inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA — Kayla Rossetti, of Wilmington, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Rossetti was initiated at MCPHS University.

Rossetti is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a dif-

ferent kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-

baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

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For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

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www.homenewshere.com OR masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON,
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT

The Town of Wilmington seeks proposals from executive search consultants experienced in recruiting municipal executives in Massachusetts to assist the Town in recruiting highly qualified candidates to serve as Wilmington's next Town Manager.

The Consultant shall work with the Select Board and the appointed Town Manager Screening Committee (the "Screening Committee" – a nine-person committee as appointed by the Select Board) to actively source, recruit, evaluate the suitability of, interview, and refer qualified candidates to the Town of Wilmington for the position of Town Manager.

Specifications for the Invitation for Bids (IFB) will be available electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (<http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>).

Separate price and non-price proposals shall be received in the Town Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Firms shall submit nine (9) sealed copies of the non-price proposal and one (1) sealed price proposal marked with the Consultant's name, business address, and "SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT".

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to the processing of mail requests for specs and plans, etc., or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.

The Town reserves the right to reject any proposal, or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington. Award of a contract for SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST WITH TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT as described in the RFP is subject to the availability of funds.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

231161

10/4/23



LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI23P5014EA

Estate of: Robert J Doyle
Also known as: Robert Doyle
Date of Death: 08/05/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Barbara Doyle of Charlotte NC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Barbara Doyle of Charlotte NC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 26, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

231150

10/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI23P5040EA

Estate of:
Marguerite A. Jordan
Date of Death: 04/04/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by David W. Jordan, Jr. of North Billerica MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: David W. Jordan, Jr. of North Billerica MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/25/2023.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 27, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

231151

10/4/23

WE ARE HIRING SUBSTITUTE STAFF

Some details:

- Once a person has been added to our substitute staff list, they are welcome to work as many days a week as they are able
- We also welcome substitute staff members to work partial days (e.g. a half day)
- We welcome parents/guardians and community members with students enrolled in WPS to apply to become a substitute staff member

Additionally, the district has a Substitute Incentive Program that extends up to \$200 based on number of days worked as well as incentives for working Mondays and Fridays.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining us as a substitute staff member, please reach out to Andrea Stern Armstrong (andrea.armstrong@wpsk12.com) for any details regarding substitute work, as well as joining our substitute staff pool.

Apply at:

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Visioning process begins with MSBA for Wildwood School

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to see if it's a good fit.

Lastly, he included updates for the Massachusetts School Building Authority project to create a new Wildwood School. He shared a copy of the informational update in the committee's packet.

One effort planned was to film an episode of "Wildcat Corner" in partnership with WCTV at Carter Lane high-

lighting the Wildwood School classrooms in action. He thanked everyone who worked to make this effort possible.

He also mentioned the visioning process began with the MSBA through a series of community meetings, with the second meeting taking place the day before. He highlighted the number of community members, stakeholders, and parent/guardians who

were participating in the visioning sessions.

The visioning session members were invited to participate in visits to nearby schools recently built by the MSBA the following week.

Mercaldi wondered if there were any steps taken by the school department yet to begin the process for a new school on the west side of town. Brand said he was meeting with the

town manager the very next day to begin that conversation.

Stephen Turner thanked all the volunteers and students involved in the visioning process so far.

Brand went on to say that the outcome of the sessions would be a report compiled by Dore + Whitier which would be sent to the district and distributed to the community. He added the community would

still be able to see the results and share their feedback in the process.

Chair David Ragsdale commented that he had been inspired by the level of discussion he heard in the visioning session he attended. He asked if there was a recording and if it could be made available to the community. Brand replied saying he'd have to explore if it was possible.

In his response, he also

reported that the visioning session the day before included 28 total participants, with half being on-line and half in person.

Sharing more detail on the proposed school visits, Brand said there would be 13 people visiting schools the next Tuesday and 15 participants visiting schools on Wednesday. He assured the committee those participating were a representative group of the community.

Hull thanks former manager Caira for mentoring him

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without having to live in town.

"When you're a professional in this work, you do the best job you can no matter where you live."

He especially thanked Caira for being a mentor to him. Although they had different approaches, Hull said he tried to continue the same fiscal discipline Caira used on the town budget in his own preparation of the town budget process.

Something he hopes to see improve related to town government is resident awareness about how the local government operates and the constraints under which it operates. He called out residents posting frustration with Town Meeting or the Select Board not reflecting residents' desires via social media.

He suggested the rules and constraints of the Commonwealth require Town Meeting be attended in person, but residents could pursue legislature to make those changes.

"It's unfortunate, from my perspective, that so many people choose to be critical but yet don't participate in terms of board and committees...attending meetings."

He said that local government requires participation on more than a casual basis, and being critical only from the sidelines may not be helpful.

He went on to say that involvement doesn't have to be lengthy, and with a little involvement residents will understand how the government operates and be able to create a direct impact on their lives. He said decisions involving budget and articles are opportunities for residents to have a say in what happens in town.

Hull's last day as town manager will be Oct. 31. On Nov. 1, Public Buildings Superintendent George Hooper will step in as temporary town manager while the town seeks Hull's permanent replacement.

Hull shared that he hopes to see the next town manager be attentive to relationships with the board and anyone else with whom they interact through their work.

Hull did not mention any specific plans for his retirement. However, he said that spending more time with family, which had been a challenge while working for the town, would be a priority for him moving forward.



Wilmington Police Department recognizes its Hispanic officers and their heritage

This month, the Wilmington Police Department honors the rich cultural heritage and contributions of their Hispanic officers who play a vital role in keeping the Wilmington community safe. "Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our community." (Courtesy photo)

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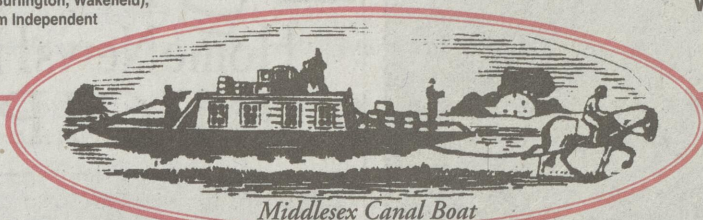
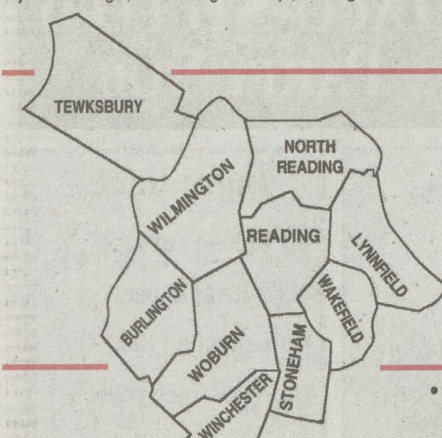
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Dawning of a new day as Wilmington searches for new town manager



SEARCHING FOR CANDIDATES - Outgoing Town Manager Jeff Hull (left) kicks off the meeting of the Wilmington Town Manager Screening Committee. The committee has met several times to start the process of finding candidates to replace Hull. With the town manager are (l-r) Mike Champoux, Paul Ruggiero, and Rob Peterson Jr. (Rosalyn Impink Photo)

By RYAN LAROCHE

The times, they are a-changing.
Wilmington is on the hunt for a new town manger with current Town Manager Jeff Hull set to retire on Oct. 31. Back in August, the Select Board moved forward with the creation of a Town Manager Search Committee consisting of former Wilmington Town Manager Mike Caira, former Wilmington Select Board member Mike Champoux, Finance Committee chairperson John Doherty, Town Moderator Jonathan Eaton, ZBA member Ray Lepore, town Finance Director Bryan Perry, former Town Moderator Rob Peterson, Paul Ruggiero, assistant school superintendent of administration and finance, and Planning Board member Sean Hennigan.

Because there's not much time between now and when Hull plan's to make his official exit on Halloween, this gave the board two tasks to complete: find a new, permanent town manager, and find a temporary town manager to serve in the interim.

Both items dovetail, not just in that the town needs to fill an important position, but through current Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman who expressed her desire to fill-in as temporary town manager and also be considered for the permanent replacement.

The board decided not to choose an interim town manager who exhibited aspirations to become the permanent town manager, thus eliminating Inman from consideration. This to the chagrin of member Frank West.

"I have nothing against the other candidates, but I have a strong feeling that we should be appointing the assistant town manager," he said at a recent meeting.

West reminded the board on numerous occasions of Inman's desire to fill the position, pointing out how they should at least acknowledge her request with an explanation as to why his board wasn't going to select her.

"If nothing else, we owe the assistant town manager a response to the letter of intent that she delivered," he maintained.

He went on to say that in his opinion it didn't make sense not to consider Inman for the interim position, since she acts as town manager when the town manager is on vacation. However, the rest of the board felt strongly that someone they might consider for the permanent position shouldn't be filling in as acting town manager.

This same scenario came up recently in Winchester, when then-interim Town Manager Beth Rudolph applied for the permanent position. The Select Board ultimately chose her over two other candidates. Rudolph served as the acting town manager for a year-and-a-half. Previously, she spent more than a decade as the town engineer.

Since the Wilmington Select Board passed on Inman to fill the role, they instead chose Public Buildings Superintendent George Hooper. West, the lone dissenting voice, asked that they not consider the other town department heads unless negotiations with the assistant town manager fail, which he also told the other board members in the past.

West also wondered how the town department heads' positions would be back-filled if they step in as temporary town manager.

Chair Gary DePalma provided that each individual has an assistant who can fill in for them on a temporary basis. West

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - Madeline Voyles in a scene from "The Creator" from 20th Century Studios. Voyles is a captivating presence and undeniably compelling as a wide-eyed AI robot child on a mission. (20th Century Studios via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Humans take back seat in stunning AI, sci-fi epic 'The Creator'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The artificial intelligence in Gareth Edwards' "The Creator," a visually magnificent if by-the-books epic, is not the AI making headlines at the moment. This is AI in the classic sci-fi mold — the Roy Battys of "Blade Runner," the Avas of "Ex Machina," the ones whose sentience we question and debate endlessly. Will the machines kill us? Take our jobs? Or do something that the movies haven't dreamed possible yet?

As the retired special forces guy cleaning up nuclear debris, Joshua (John David Washington), flatly tells a fellow worker when she posits that the AIs were indeed after their jobs: "They can have this one."

Regardless, for now, artificial intelligence is more allegory for the other than

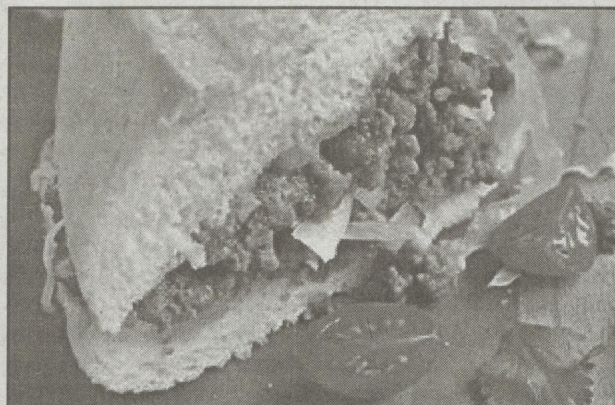
aspiring screenwriters, filmmakers or trash collectors. And, for Edwards and his co-writer Chris Weitz, they might even have more capacity for humanity and goodness than humans, which is not exactly part of the ChatGPT conversation either, though that would be an interesting twist.

In the world of "The Creator" they're welcomed by society at first as an unambiguous good — a helpful servant class that have the ability to make our human lives better. But as they so often do in sci-fi dystopias, they turned on us. Actually, more specifically, they turned on the U.S. when they dropped a nuclear weapon on downtown Los Angeles. Naturally, that means war.

Washington's Joshua lost his family in the attack and when we meet him, he's undercover in New Asia to try to find the creator of these advanced AIs, a shadowy,

elusive figure they call Nimrata. Joshua got busy with other pursuits though. He fell in love with, married and is about to welcome a baby with his on-the-ground source Maya (Gemma Chan), taken from him in an unexpected raid by his peers — one of many truly sublime sequences in which a hovering death star-like aircraft called NOMAD scans the lush landscape with ominous blue lasers. Edwards, who had a complicated

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journey making "Rogue One," does not deny himself the pleasure of riffing on "Star Wars" iconography.

Allison Janney's hardened Colonel later attempts to recruit him for one last shot at finding Nimrata and the ultimate weapon he's suspected of building, but a jaded Joshua demurs that he doesn't care about

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countered that this same reasoning could and should be used to lead the board to select Inman as temporary town manager.

The board picked Hooper for several reasons, one of which concerned his own retirement in January that member Kevin Cairra said would allow for his replacement to step in and provide a smooth transition for the town.

Although he appreciated everyone for volunteering to step into the acting town manager role, Cairra didn't want to take certain people - the police and fire chief, specifically - away from their every day responsibilities. He also mentioned Inman's desire to be selected to replace Hull, at least on an interim basis.

"I know the assistant town manager has expressed interest in going for the permanent town manager position," he added, restating that he wouldn't want someone applying for the permanent position to serve as the temporary town manager.

Therefore, because he is retiring and his replacement has already been named, Hooper will step into Hull's shoes for a short while, starting on Nov. 1.

Hooper, who was present the night the board selected him, said he was humbled by the board's support.

Search for permanent replacement underway

While the Select Board

spent time finding an interim town manager, they also put together a search committee to find a permanent replacement. The board also asked the search committee to provide input on finding an interim town manager; however, the committee ultimately declined to do so.

"This task will require a heavy lift," said Eaton, the town moderator, who felt the committee could not adequately select an interim and simultaneously conduct a new town manager search in the time allotted.

Therefore, the role of the search committee involves recommending to the Select Board finalists for appointment of Wilmington's next town manager.

Hull informed the committee of the resources that Inman compiled including a sample job description, a brochure about Wilmington, and resources such as the Massachusetts Municipal Association's listings and its publication, the Beacon.

Champoux brought up the topic of using a search firm to find candidates, saying that he did not feel comfortable with the potential for mishandling questions with candidates if the committee conducted the search and interviews themselves.

This meant asking the Select Board to request they consider hiring a consultant to assist in the search process. He informed the board that at their most recent meeting,

the screening committee agreed by vote that it would be best to hire a consultant to help find a pool of applicants.

Peterson, chair of the search committee, said the committee agreed that the task was onerous and the breadth of the search was wide, so it would be best to hire a consultant to attract the talent pool. He referenced the size of the town's annual budget in comparison to the cost of hiring the consultant, which he estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$20,000 depending on the services they select.

He said the committee is aware that searching for a town manager isn't their specialty, but it would be the specialty of a consultant.

The Select Board then voted to allow for the use of a firm to aid the search committee with only Cairra voting against, stating he believed in the capability of the committee members.

One resident, former Select Board member Michael McCoy, wanted to see the Select Board personally conduct the interviews themselves. The town's attorney, though, explained how it would be difficult for the Select Board to conduct the interviews while allowing privacy to the applicants due to open meeting law, which may deter some applicants.

Champoux, of the screening committee, commented he saw the consultant as bringing access to the best potential talent pool.

"We want to hire the

best town manager possible for this community," he said. "I do believe that we need this level of expertise to go to market on our behalf and illustrate that we're taking this very seriously."

The Select Board will conduct all final interviews with the candidates that make it through the initial screening process.

While the committee remains respected by the board and town management, some in the community expressed concern with its makeup. The board received a memo from Dan Murphy, wherein Murphy shared concern that the committee did not represent the diversity of the community. Murphy spoke up later in person to further elaborate upon his opinion there weren't enough unique perspectives on the committee, and that the lack of diversity may deter some applicants.

West acknowledged the composition of the group but also said they represent different age ranges and experiences, and anyone in town is welcome to attend and share their opinion on candidates or anything else in the process.

Murphy replied saying that other perspectives, such as those of women, would provide more diversity in the composition of the committee.

The screening committee has met several times, first in late August and then again last month. They first acknowledged the changing landscape of town management.

"A 20-year time horizon is not applicable anymore," said Eaton, about the amount of turnover in town government and the idea Wilmington may only have a new town manager for a shorter time than in the past.

Caira agreed, saying the tenures of municipal leaders is getting shorter and shorter. However, he noted Wilmington's had only four town managers over a 55-year period. He called the town a "stable place" and not a "revolving door."

During the second meeting, the committee discussed the Select Board approving the issuance of an RFP/RFQ for a consulting firm to assist the screening committee. The committee was asked by the board to develop a set of requirements for the request for proposal. Peterson used the Town of Westford's scope of work for a town manager search as an example for the committee to use to understand what consultancies of this nature work with.

While the board has the final say, the screening committee will ultimately choose the candidates to move onto final interviews. Peterson said that a key takeaway from the Select Board meeting was information from town attorney Joseph Fair that when a consultancy is used, not only do they assist in defining the applicant pool according to the search committee and Select Board's criteria, but they are able to receive resumes without the applicant information becoming public knowledge.

Many applicants are either already town manager's somewhere else or assistant town managers and don't necessarily want their current employer to know they are looking for work elsewhere. Of course, once a candidate reaches the final interview stage with the Select Board, the information becomes public knowledge.

Peterson said that an applicant from another municipality might be hesitant to apply if their name was put out in the public record early in the process.

The process will include community input, allowing residents the opportunity to share what qualities and characteristics they believe

the next town manager should possess. Eaton felt this approach would be a more objective way of "taking the temperature of the community" and would help guide the committee and board's decision making and help refine their selection criteria.

Much of this is similar to what other communities have done when searching for a new town manager/administrator. Give residents the chance to weigh in, convene a search committee, use a search firm to find the best candidates (for a particular community), and whittle the candidate pool down to a manageable number (typically three or four) to pass along to the Select Board.

The final stage usually involves interviews and site visits with the candidates' current employer to get a better feel for who the applicant is and the chance to speak with those with whom he or she works.


Some members of the committee wanted to see the search conducted somewhat swiftly, knowing budget season is on the horizon, while others felt the process shouldn't be rushed. Even if a candidate was selected by a specific date, the start date may not coincide with the town's schedule. Peterson favored moving quickly to get a draft in front of the Select Board in order to avoid delays in getting the RFP issued.

With the board having already selected an interim town manager who, along with the assistant town manager, can guide the town through budget season and Town Meeting, the need to find a permanent town manager quickly is somewhat diminished.

Going forward, the Select Board will choose a firm to aid the screening committee. The committee and firm will then receive applications to consider, interview candidates and send the best (or a specific number if that's what the Select Board decides) forward for final interviews/due diligence.

There is no timetable for when the board will select a new town manager.

(Materials from Lizzy Hill and Paige Impink were used to compile this report)



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15 Richardson Ave #4 was sold Egew Associates LLC by Aubin, Philip B for \$280,000 on 09/13/23

132 Vernon St was sold to Chea, Saroeun by Dowdie, William J for \$705,000 on 09/11/23

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beth A and Defilippo, Norman C for \$700,000 on 09/12/23

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11 Alden Ln was sold to Dmd Homes LLC by Anna E Hill Ft and Hill, Charles R for \$950,000 on 09/15/23

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11 Beacon St was sold to Norris, Anne E by Suh, Heikyung for \$641,000 on 09/15/23

269 Cambridge Rd #208 was sold Jones, Tasia A and Wilson, Sean by Ferreira, Odette M and Pellegrino, Suzanne M for \$480,000 on 09/15/23

4 Conn St was sold to Wilson, Anne M and Ndiho, Wilson by Iani Rosa Est and Iani, Anthony for \$600,000 on 09/11/23

28 Derby Dr #28 was sold Donaldson, Robert T and Donaldson, Pamela A by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$749,900 on 09/14/23

30 Derby Dr #30 was sold Martin, Edward J and Martin, Barbara A by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$799,900 on 09/13/23

15 Hart Pl was sold to Jean C Olander RET and Olander, Jean C by Magee, Paul J and Magee, Carrie J for \$840,000 on 09/14/23

3 Highet Ave was sold to Ku, Eddie Y and Ku, Hongli S by Powers, Sean for \$880,000 on 09/12/23

2 Liana St was sold to Hastie, James A and Hastie, Jan M by Burgio, John and Burgio, Mary B for \$610,000 on 09/15/23

31 Park St was sold to Rock & Sons Prop Mgmt LLC and Black Roof Properties LL for \$480,000 on 09/12/23

5 Russo Dr was sold to Gu, Chen and Chen, Xueying by Rivnak, Andrew and Rivnak, Rachel for \$1,032,000 on 09/15/23

Chris Funk, The Wonderist - T.V. magician takes the stage at Regent Theatre on Oct. 15th

TV Magician and Musical Illusionist Chris Funk will be performing his Redefining Wonder show at the Regent Theatre on October 15th at 3:00 p.m.

While his parents wanted him to be a musician, he always wanted to be a magician. Chris Funk's Redefining Wonder is an engaging, multimedia experience that will have audiences talking and wondering for years to come.

Finally, a MAGIC SHOW WITH LIVE MUSIC! Chris has pioneered the use of instruments like the violin, guitar, flute, and more in his illusions. Whether it's a violin concerto to a magical dancing sheet of music to impossibly suspending various instruments on stage, his show is in a league of its own.

Live-feed cameras and interactive videos bring audiences up onstage and into the action, delivering a show that family audiences can call their own.

From NBC's, America's Got Talent, CW's, Penn & Teller: Fool Us & Masters of Illusion, FOX's, Hell's Kitchen and Syfy's, Wizard Wars, his unique approach to magic has earned him performances at Las Vegas' Planet Hollywood, Venetian, Mandalay Bay, Rio, and Tropicana casinos as well as a residency with Disney.

Beyond that and in addition to his own touring, he has starred in the major touring magic production Masters of Illusion LIVE!

Simon Cowell, the primary Spokesperson for A.G.T. said after Chris Funk's first performance, "The BEST MAGICIAN we've had on the show so far! I've NEVER seen anything like that!"

REDEFINING WONDER is more than just a magic show. Chris will also share his story, tying in his passion for music and magic and sure to get

a standing ovation that will extend his reputation for excellence!

The folks at Disney simply said, "Absolutely fantastic!" While Penn & Teller qualified their thoughts in saying, "There's a WILDNESS and beauty to Chris Funk's daft and funny presence that we - and the audiences we've seen him with - find IRRESISTIBLE."

The Regent Theatre, "Arlington's Show Place of Entertainment" since 1916, is located on 7 Medford Street in Arlington—minutes from Cambridge and Boston.

For more information about Chris Funk's performance call: 781.646.4849 or visit: regenttheatre.com/details/chris_funk

For more information about Chirs Funk go to: chrisfunkmagic.com.



REVIEW FROM B2

going extinct: "I've got TV to watch." Of course he eventually says yes and ends up travelling with a Very Special Child, a wide-eyed AI whom he names Alphie (Madeleine Yuna Voyles), who might be able to help him find what he's looking for: Voyles is a captivating presence and undeniably compelling. Unfortunately, the script denies her the edge and nuance that would make her more believable as a person as well as a machine. Even Grogue is a little sassy sometimes.

But this is also a film where the visuals upstage the pretty predictable story and even the actors, including the likes of Washington and Ken Watanabe. The lush landscapes of Southeast Asia are stunningly photographed by Edwards and co-cinematographers Greig Fraser ("Dune") and Oren Soffer, who shot on location in eight countries with an unusually low-cost camera for a Hollywood studio film (the Sony FX3, which goes for under \$4,000).

Speaking of cost — "The Creator" was made for around \$80 million and

looks a thousand times better than movies (mainly of the superhero variety) that cost three times as much. This was part of Edwards' design and could be revolutionary for filmmaking. In addition to using a camera any hobbyist could buy at a local store, instead of pre-determining the concept art and visual effects and forcing the actors to look at little silver balls or tracking markers, they added them in after the fact. It makes a huge difference.

"The Creator" is an original movie too, and even if it is a somewhat convoluted and silly mishmash of familiar tropes and sci-fi cliches, it still evokes the feeling of something fresh, something novel, something exciting to experience and behold — which is so much more than you can say about the vast majority of big budget movies these days. And it's worth taking a chance on it at the cinema.

"The Creator," a 20th Century Studios release in theaters Friday, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for "strong language, some bloody images, violence." Running time: 132 minutes. Three stars out of four.



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Tewksbury Police Log

New Hampshire woman arrested for OUI, assault

Monday, September 25

11:56 a.m. - Walk-in party looking to speak with an officer about a past road rage incident at Ocean State Job Lob. Police sent. Party was spoken to.

3:08 p.m. - Animal control out with an injured hawk at Shawsheen Street. They picked up a sharp-shinned hawk with an injured wing bringing to wildlife rehabilitation.

5:52 p.m. - Caller at Fieldstone Circle reported there was a raccoon in her trash barrel at Fieldstone Circle. The homeowner would call tomorrow if the situation doesn't resolve itself.

Tuesday, September 26

9:17 a.m. - Police put at Fairfield Inn checking on vehicle that has no plate on it. Officer filed a report.

6:18 p.m. - Attached vehicle was towed from the lot of Ballard Truck Formerly McDevitt Mack due to being in the lot for over a week and a half. Vehicle

was towed to the towing lot in Lawrence.

Wednesday, September 27

3:42 p.m. - Andover Police Department reported they took a call for an erratic operator at Leston Street and Carter Street. They received multiple calls that the vehicle hit the guardrail and rode it all the way down the exit ramp on Dascomb Road. The vehicle was also crossing over the yellow line and almost struck other vehicles. Call transferred from Andover. Female was behind vehicle that reportedly struck a guardrail and the female operator seemed to be driving erratically. Party checked out.

Thursday, September 28

6:21 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male looking into vehicles at Home Depot. Caller described the male as wearing a white shirt and black pants. Police sent. Officers checked the camera and the area and reported unable to locate.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious white van

in front of his house at French Street. When he went outside to retrieve a package, the van drove off, unknown direction of travel or license plate. Police sent and checked the area, but gone on arrival.

10:11 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a vehicle was parked in the roadway at French Street. Police sent. They provided a courtesy transportation of one male to McDonald's in Lowell.

10:48 p.m. - Caller reported his driver was having an issue at Hinckley Road. Vehicle was a Boston cab. Caller reported his passenger doesn't have money to pay for the ride. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Friday, September 29

12:50 p.m. - Caller reported there were two suspicious males in Ninja/ski masks he believed were intentionally trying to get into the bathroom at Speedway Gas Station while he was using it. Police sent. It appeared to have been a misunderstanding and the parties, who were not wear-

ing ski masks, did not realize that the bathroom was occupied and did not gain entry.

2:25 p.m. - 911 caller reported that the attached vehicle passed them on the right at a high rate of speed on Andover Street and Hood Road. The vehicle took a right on Trull Road and he was no longer behind the vehicle. Police sent. The vehicle unoccupied at Trull Brook by the tennis center. They spoke with the operator and everything checked out.

3:49 p.m. - Caller reported a few vehicles with juveniles parked by her house and going in and out of the woods at Saville Street. Police sent. A tent was in the woods parked in front. Megan Alexander, 42, of 10 Faxon St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with two warrants for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

4:48 p.m. - Caller reported a group of teenagers walking door to door possibly trying to sell something but acting suspicious

at Prospect Hill Drive. Police sent. The parties were gone on arrival.

5:24 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two-car motor vehicle accident at Knights of Columbus with no injuries. Police sent. Linda Galvao, 61, of 21 Rim Road in Danville, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, OUI liquor, and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Friday, September 29

4:32 p.m. - Home Depot looking to report past shoplifting of \$185 where suspect left store. They left the store to the right toward Motel 6 parking lot. Police sent. They reported they could not locate party at Motel 6. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, September 30

8:05 a.m. - Call for a suspicious flat white sprinter van that drove around the parking lot to take video and pictures of the building of Northeast Christian Church. They drive off when they came to see what was going on. Police sent. They reportedly spoke to the caller. The vehicle was not in the area and they would be doing extra checks.

8:52 a.m. - Walk-in party looking to speak with an officer in regards to threat-

ening emails he was receiving at Fieldstone Circle. Police responded. This appeared to be a scam and not a threatening email.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male that was standing by a tree between the 99's and the Jade East. Caller reported he was yelling and swearing at people and drinking a beer. Caller was passerby and was no longer on scene. Police sent. An ambulance was sent with one person to Saints Hospital.

Sunday, October 1

2:31 a.m. - A 911 caller believed that two vehicles were following him because they were parked in the parking lot of Market Basket and have not moved. Caller was on foot wearing a white hoodie. Police sent. The vehicle checked out. They were homeless people sleeping. The caller thought it was suspicious that they were in the parking lot at night.

4:56 p.m. - Caller reported male party in the area of Applebees Restaurant with a large political sign yelling at vehicles and walking in the roadway. Described as a white male in his 60s with a hat. Police sent. They spoke with the male party who was on the side of the road. No issue.



Wilmington Police Log

Caller claims damage to HSH building done on purpose

Friday, Sept. 22:

7:45 a.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported possibly hearing two gunshots at around 6:15 a.m. that morning. The caller checked outside and didn't find any evidence of gunfire. States a male was driving by slowly in an older white Chevy pickup truck, but was unable to get the plate number.

10:30 a.m.: Mattison Louise Thyne of 272 Broadway St., in Methuen was issued a summons for a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

10:53 p.m.: Fernando J Martins Jr. of 305 Burlington Ave., in Wilmington was issued a summons for leaving the scene of property damage. This followed a caller reporting that his white Dodge hit a light pole near Yentile Recreation Center and drove off.

Saturday, Sept. 23:

7:21 a.m.: A man was reported as being "verbally abusive" in the front lobby of Mayflower Detox on Middlesex Avenue. Peace was able to be restored, and the man left the property.

3:15 p.m.: A woman reported that trees on her mother's property on North Street were cut down without their knowledge. Police came to the property and four to five trees had clearly been cut down.

5:11 p.m.: A caller reported that his wife's

purse, carrying her ID and car keys, had been stolen from Tavern in the Square in Woburn. This day, he noticed a vehicle driving slowly by his house around 1 p.m., and found it suspicious.

Sunday, Sept. 24:

5:24 p.m.: A yellow 2002 Toyota Corolla backed into a parked gray 2007 Lexus ES350. The damage was very minor, and no injuries were reported.

5:54 p.m.: A caller at Saver's on Main Street reported shoplifters in the store — the items had been recovered, but the shoplifters refused to leave. The shoplifters were given no trespass orders.

Monday, Sept. 25:

1:53 p.m.: Christopher James Burke of 208 Levin Road, in Rockland, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his red 2015 Ford Transit on the I-93 Southbound 31 Ramp.

2:38 p.m.: Neeeco, on Upton Drive, reported being the victim of credit card fraud.

5:17 p.m.: A caller on Jones Avenue reported that her grandson ran off from her residence. He was retrieved by a female relative of a neighbor.

Tuesday, Sept. 26:

8:40 a.m.: A caller from HSH Design Inc. on Main Street reported that a party from a neighboring

business backed into the building on purpose, damaging the siding. The caller stated that the party is known to them, and is driving a green pickup truck with a bike rack on it. The caller notified the building owner of the damage.

9:30 a.m.: Luis O Felix of 55 Newcastle St., Apt. #302, in Lynn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and a 1st offense of using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. This fol-

lowed a stop of his white 2016 Mercedes C300W4 on Salem Street.

3:03 p.m.: A large truck with white containers was reported to have struck the train gates on Main Street. A passerby also noted that the gates at Milton Way were not functioning properly, not going down or flashing. Keolis was notified.

Wednesday, Sept. 27:

3:04 a.m.: Michael Lee Barkhouse of 11 Harvard Ave., in Burlington, was ar-

rested for Warrant All Others.

6:42 a.m.: Adriano Oliveira Souza of 16 Broadway St., in Somerville, was issued a summons for speeding in violation of special regulations, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his blue 2008 Toyota Yaris on Cunningham Street.

9:59 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred between a black 2003 Toyota Highlander and a blue 2022 Hyundai Elantra on Fordham Road. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Sept. 28:

1:00 a.m.: Reading Police called Wilmington for assistance after a multi-car motor vehicle accident

prior to Exit 31 on I-93 Northbound. A box truck hit the back of another vehicle, causing heavy rear damage to the other vehicle. Multiple injuries reported.

2:11 p.m.: Marvin Woodrum, of 375 Broadway, Apt. #218, in Lynnfield, was issued a summons for five counts of shoplifting by asportation. This followed security at Market Basket on Main Street, where he worked, requesting to speak to an officer for thefts by an employee.

4:32 p.m.: A caller on Ballardvale Street reported that the window of his vehicle had been broken sometime after 5 a.m. that morning.



▲ Firefighting grads Conley, left, and Farias.

(Courtesy photo)

Conley, Farias graduate from Mass. Firefighting Academy

STOW — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director Jeffrey P. Winn announced the graduation of 24 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program. They include David Conley and Paul Farias from Tewksbury.

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

"Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits," said Director Winn. "Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today's graduates

have developed the tools they'll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid."

The graduating firefighters of Class #314 represent the fire departments of Acton, Bellingham, Charlton, Gloucester, Lawrence, Littleton, Milton, North Andover, Orleans, Plymouth, Revere, Rockland, Tewksbury, and Weston.

Basic Firefighter Skills
Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Career Re-

cruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today's Firefighters Do Much More than Fight Fires
Modern firefighters train for and respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to gas leaks to industrial chemical spills. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, an office worker stuck in an elevator, or a motorist trapped in a

crashed vehicle. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA provides recruit and in-service training for career, call, and volunteer firefighters at every level of experience, from recruit to chief officer, at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.

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This problem? It's a keeper for the Wildcats

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High School girls soccer team has a goalkeeper problem.

But don't jump to any conclusions.

They didn't have to call up an eighth grade keeper as a last resort or convert a fullback to occupy the space between the pipes.

And they aren't allowing double-digit goals on any given night.

In fact, the team is allowing only 1.75 goals per contest this fall.

So, what's the problem? Well, it's not exactly a problem.

The Wildcats have a goalkeeper situation that is almost too good.

They don't just have one rock-solid netminder — they have two.

When WHS first-year coach Alvaro Ibanez saw his group play for the first time in the late summer, he was eager to see what the goalkeeping situation looked like.

"One of the first things I checked when I got the

job, was how are we doing with goalkeepers," he recalled. "Then I realized we had two."

Nicole Morello and Ashley Mercier would each start on any given team in the Middlesex League. Instead, the pair of senior captains patrol the same crease. Eight games into the fall season, the tandem has developed quite the comradery, assuming their starter and closer roles to perfection.

On Monday night, Reading High was greeted by Mercier, the starter, and Morello, the closer.

The combined effort led Wilmington to a 3-2 conference win over the Rockets.

Morello and Mercier are no strangers to each other.

They've been making saves since they were in sixth grade.

"We both played on a club team together at Wilmington, and we both started playing goalie there," said Morello. "It's been cool to see us grow on the field for these last four years (at high school)."

"It's cool because we're

best friends," added Mercier. "It's nice to see each other in there."

When Ibanez realized what he truly had with the pair, he had no choice but to provide each goalie with one half. He couldn't possibly pick between the two.

"I think we both like how it is, she likes starting better and I like finishing better to see what the team is like and how the opponent is," said Morello. "She's a good starter, so it works out."

After Mercier completes the opening 40 minutes in net, Morello warms up at halftime, and the 'Cats have a new goalie to start the half.

"We always warm up and I have a good 10 minutes to warm up," Morello said. "I'm used to finishing it out and I love it. I like seeing how the team's playing and how our opponent is."

Although they both can't be on the field at the same time, they both have their back, wanting to put one another in as best a situation as possible. That all starts in practice, where



▲ Ashley Mercier prepares to punch a ball out of harm's way during a corner kick in action against Wakefield. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

the two have their own sets of drills where they further develop their bond.

"Practice is fun," said Morello. "We do dives, high shots, low shots, getting back. We do a variety of stuff, it depends on what the last game was like. Last practice we just did a lot of corners and high balls. We both love the practices, it's a lot of fun. Yeah, (our uniforms are dirty) after practice, but it's so much fun."

From running around the youth soccer fields in youth leagues to diving on the WHS turf as seniors, they've seen both their games climb to new heights.

"My communication and my confidence (has improved)," said Mercier. "It's always been not-the-

best, but the last four years it's been good and I've been loud on the field. That definitely (improved) when I got to varsity sophomore year."

"I've grown a lot," she continued. "When I played in eighth grade, I more played the field (and) when COVID hit I kind of stopped then. (By) my sophomore year I was (ready) with starting."

For Morello, it's all about the mental side of the game.

"The hardest thing for goalkeepers is keeping that mindset," she said. "It's hard to stay composed and say you're not going to get scored on. It's a mindset thing."

With a 4-3-1 record in one of the best soccer conferences in the state, Ibanez acknowledges how fortu-

nate his team is to be gifted with two talented goalkeepers.

"I keep saying that I wish one of them was a sophomore and one of them was a senior," he said with a laugh. "They both make good decisions and they're pretty much even."

They're both seniors and I owe it to them to give them as much playing time as I can. It is very uncommon to have two goalies."

Currently ranked No. 17 in the latest MIAA Power Rankings, the senior duo is bearing down for a potential postseason run, and Ibanez and his team are appreciating every second of what they offer.

Because when they're gone, well, that's a problem for another day.



▲ Nicole Morello is part of a unique goaltending situation for the WHS girls soccer program. Morello plays the second half of matches while teammate Ashley Mercier plays the first half. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

► Nicole Morello and Ashley Mercier discuss strategy and warm up at halftime of a recent match in Wakefield. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Memorable win for Wildcats

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Down 13, Wilmington rallies for victory in fourth quarter

Heading into the fourth quarter last Friday, it didn't look good for the Wilmington High School football team.

Down two scores, the Wildcats were in need of some late-game magic at Watertown High School.

Little did they know, the stage was only being set for an epic fourth-quarter comeback.

Colin Allard quarterbacked a Wilmington offense to victory headlined by his 69-yard touchdown run that gave Wilmington a thrilling 14-13 victory in the team's first Middlesex League Freedom Division contest of the fall.

Hunter Sands' second extra point put WHS ahead

to stay.

"It certainly wasn't our best (game), we're going to have to clean a lot of stuff up as we get into these bigger games," said WHS coach Craig Turner following the win.

Not only did Allard light a spark in an offense yearning for yards, he did so after replacing Michael Lawler, who suffered a first-quarter injury and was ultimately sidelined for the remainder of the night.

"To be down 13-0 in the fourth quarter with your backup quarterback who I'd be lying if I said he got any reps during the week, it's a real credit to him and the knowledge he has

of our offense to go in there and make it happen," Turner admitted. "It was a tough game. Watertown played us tough, they always do."

Out of the gate, Watertown was able to capitalize on a flurry of Wildcat missed tackles for a 50-yard touchdown run. From there, the Wilmington defense recovered, sending the 'Cats to halftime only down a touchdown.

When it looked like the Wilmington offense was beginning to click in the opening drive of the second half, Watertown forced a fumble that they would later convert into another score on the offensive end.

While Watertown was using a significant amount of clock with its possessions, Turner and the coaching staff knew they needed to increase the sense of urgency on offense.

"We had to pick up the tempo because we knew there wasn't a lot of possessions left in the game for us," said the coach. "We picked up the pace, got some good plays in the passing game, and we started pushing the ball down the field because the running game wasn't there for us."

And just like that, Allard began to find receivers downfield, setting up a Dempsey Mur-

phy touchdown run to put Wilmington within one.

"We were able to complete a couple passes, and we were able to get going in the second half with the play-action passing with Allard," said Turner. "He found Pat DeLucia a couple times for some big catches and Hunter Sands for a good catch on a first down."

Staring down a 4th-and-four on their own 30-yard line in the final four minutes, it was do or die for the Wildcats.

That's when Allard took matters into his own hands.

"We thought they'd all be focused in on Dempsey, so we ran a little

play-action pass," recalled Turner. "I told Allard if you see green, just take it. He made a great decision, made a couple guys miss and took it home for the rest."

After a critical stop by Clyde Lambert on the ensuing Watertown drive, Wilmington

escaped with a 14-13 victory, improving to 3-1 on the season.

"Our schedule gets very tough the rest of the way," said Turner. "There's going to be a lot of points to be had for us coming down the stretch. We can win some of these games that get very big for us in terms of moving up in the rankings."

The Wildcats are set for another Middlesex League showdown with Burlington on Friday night at WHS.



▲ Wilmington residents on the Shawsheen Tech football team include (kneeling, from left) Shane O'Neill, Trent Wedge, Kyle Marrone, Jared Bishop, Jason Marrohe, Jake Banda, Isaac Martin; (Standing) Cullen Walsh, Jake Antszak, William Trach, Zachary Rogers, Bryan Keohan, Nathan Melo, Eric Banda, Zack Timmons, Ryan Copson and Aidan Largenton. (Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen football pulls away

With Lyons in mind, Rams improve to 4-0

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Say this about the Northeast Regional football team.

It had a plan.

Although Shawsheen Tech ultimately cruised to a 38-6 win in its Homecoming Game on Friday in Billerica, Northeast presented an interesting challenge in the opening moments of the contest.

With a distinct mission of keeping Shawsheen's explosive offensive on the sidelines for as long as possible, the Knights used regular handoffs and runs up the middle that looked more like a rugby scrum than a football play.

Knight senior quarterback Jackson O'Soro carefully waited for the play clock to go under 10 seconds on every single play before preparing to take

each snap.

The bulldozing approach actually worked early as Northeast piled up three first downs on eight running plays that averaged just over four yards a carry. The drive eventually stalled at Shawsheen's 30-yard line, but only 2:13 remained in the quarter when the Rams ran their first play from scrimmage. "They really had the gameplan to keep the ball away from us and they executed it very well," said Shawsheen coach Al Costabile. "I was very proud of the way the boys settled in and adjusted."

Shawsheen's offense certainly ended up justifying the Northeast approach. The Rams scored on their first four drives of the game to take a 28-0 lead at halftime and then added another touchdown to start the third quarter.

Shawsheen added a field

goal early in the fourth, the first of senior Jared Bishop's career, before Northeast scored to spoil the shutout with just 3:33 left in the game.

The first Ram scoring drive covered 70 yards in just six plays and took only 58 seconds to materialize.

Senior running back Caleb Caceres had runs of 13, 11 and 22 yards before finishing the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. The 22-yard gain by Caceres was memorable behind big blocks from senior Trey Elliott and a finishing burst by Caceres that saw him simply run over a defender.

"Kudos to the offensive line and to Caleb running," said Costabile. "Boy he packs a punch."

Shawsheen's next possession took only three plays, the last one a 60-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Sid Tilds-

ley to sophomore Dyllon Pratt, who outleaped a defender before running into the end zone.

Northeast didn't get a chance to run another play before the next Shawsheen score as senior Damian Ortiz hammered the Knight kickoff return, causing a fumble that was recovered by sophomore James Tildsley at the Northeast 15-yard line.

After a 14-yard run by Sid Tildsley, the standout QB finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The final Ram drive of the half covered 54 yards in just three plays and took just 69 seconds. Caceres scored another touchdown with 1:04 left in the half from 15 yards out.

Shawsheen ran just 14 first-half plays, four of them for scores.

Caceres scored his third touchdown of the game just 1:05 into the third

quarter with a 3-yard run.

Senior Evan Galanis helped set up the score with an exciting 21-yard run before Caceres did the rest, carrying three times for 29 yards.

The Rams didn't have to make many outstanding defensive plays, but junior Brayton Carbone partially blocked a punt in the second quarter, senior Thomas Cormier had a tone-setting tackle early in the game and twin brothers Jake and Eric Banda contributed to the pass rush throughout the evening.

Junior Will Holloway had perhaps the play of the night, saving a touchdown by stopping a big kickoff return by Knight senior workhorse Chris Zullo in the second half.

Shawsheen's final scoring drive was led by the running of junior Zack Timmons and Caceres while Carbone jumped in for a few snaps at quar-

terback, picking up first downs on two fourth-and-short carries.

Bishop easily converted a 29-yard field goal with 9:57 left on the clock thanks to a nice hold by Carbone.

Senior Devin Nieves scored the late touchdown for Northeast with a 13-yard run.

Before the game, the Rams had a moment of silence in memory of longtime Superintendent Charles Lyons, who died recently after a long battle with cancer.

Northeast's team yelled "Charlie" after a moment of silence was held for Lyons.

"I was very impressed with that," Costabile said of Northeast's gesture. "Charlie was one of a kind."

Shawsheen visits Greater Lowell on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. before an Oct. 13 trip to Triton Regional at 7 p.m.

Girls soccer holds off Reading

MacDonald scores two in 3-2 victory

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WILMINGTON — There are no nights off when it comes to Middlesex League soccer.

When the Wilmington High School girls soccer team welcomed winless Reading to WHS for a Monday night league contest, the Wildcats weren't expecting anything different.

After 80 minutes on the pitch, Wilmington edged Reading by a 3-2 score, powered by two scores and an assist from Molly MacDonald while holding

a 13-4 advantage in shots on goal.

That's not to say Reading didn't put up a fight.

"I've always said this is one of the three strongest conferences in Massachusetts," said WHS coach Alvaro Ibanez. "It's not going to be an easy walk and anybody could beat anybody in this division. It's always good to win going into another tough game."

In fact, the Rockets found the back of the net just over two minutes into action. From there, Wilmington dominated.

"We played well," said Ibanez. "We made one

mistake in the back and it cost us the goal, but we rebounded nicely and were able to score some goals."

Wilmington responded seven minutes later, where MacDonald potted her second goal of the game off a powerful left-foot laser to knot the game at one. After some recent struggles around the net, Ibanez was pleased to see his star midfielder get rewarded.

"It's not only her footwork, but her leadership and her decision making and patience with the ball," said the coach. "That made a difference today, she kept the offense

going a lot. She's been a little frustrated because her game allows her to have opportunities, and she's been unlucky with the opportunities. Today, I'm glad she was able to put them away."

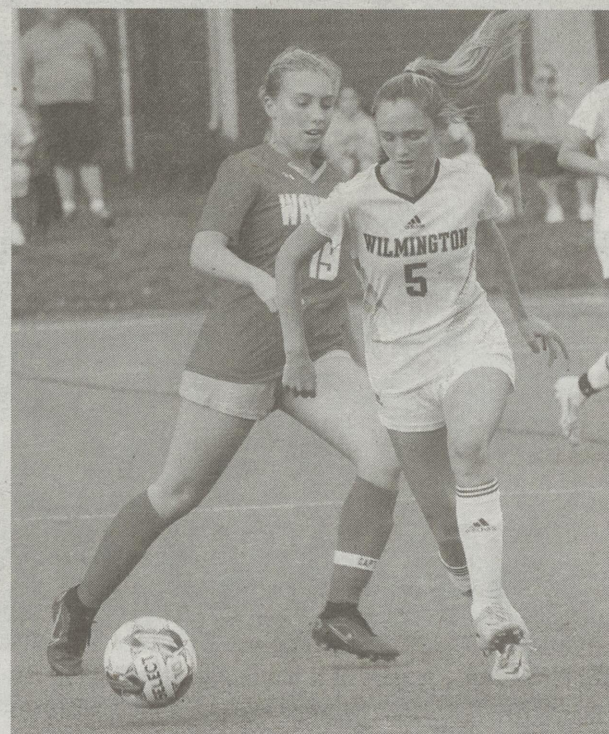
The Wilmington offense kept applying pressure, seeing success from their consistent ball movement. Jill Collins found Alissa Ganley out front, immediately one-touching the ball to MacDonald for the easy tap-in and 2-1 lead with seven minutes to play in the half.

"The patience with the midfield settling the ball (and) connecting with the forwards and supporting them from behind helped a lot," said Ibanez. "Lauryn (Parr) sat in the middle of the field nicely tonight, and she was able to keep our offense going by giving good back support to the forwards."

The Wildcats carried their lengthy possessions into the second half, continuing to find high-quality scoring chances.

About halfway through the half, MacDonald connected with a streaking Collins, who used her speed to free herself down the right side for Wilmington's third score of the game.

As the time wound down, it looked like Wilmington was on its way to its fourth win of the season. However, like every Middlesex League contest, Reading didn't go down without a fight. With five minutes left in the game, a rebound from a Nicole Morello diving save was tapped in the



▲ Jill Collins and the Wildcats are 4-3-1 after eight matches. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

net, putting Reading within one and forcing Wilmington to step up on defense.

The 'Cats did just that, not allowing another shot on goal and securing the 3-2 win to improve to 4-3-1 on the season.

Before Monday's match-up, the 'Cats played a 1-1 week with a 2-0 win over Watertown on Wednesday before falling to Melrose 3-1 on Friday.

After Ganley scored the first half's lone goal on Wednesday, Wilmington found themselves in the driver's seat the rest of the way. Alison McElligott sealed the victory when she booted a 30-yard kick into the back of the net.

On Friday, the 'Cats weren't as lucky.

After leading 1-0 at halftime after a MacDonald free kick, Melrose showcased its powerful offense in the second half.

"(We) faced a very po-

tent offensive team," said Ibanez. "(We) were able to keep them in check in the first half (but) the second half was a different story as Melrose's offense came alive."

Melrose potted three goals, cruising their way to a 3-1 win. However, midfielders Julia Archer and McElligott proved to be valuable assets in the midfield.

"(They) had strong games," said Ibanez. "Their presence at midfield displayed strong defense and excellent decision making on the offense."

Currently at No. 17 in the latest edition of the MIAA Power Rankings, the 'Cats will look to keep climbing in the Division 3 standings with a pair of league contests this week.

Wilmington played Burlington on Tuesday then travels to Lexington on Thursday for a 4:15 p.m. kickoff.



▲ The Wilmington High girls soccer team is all smiles after scoring in a recent game at Wakefield. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wilmington High Roundup:

WHS golfers beat Melrose

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Heading into Monday afternoon's match with Melrose, the Wilmington High golf team was skidding through a 61-match losing streak. When the final pairings walked off the ninth green, that streak was a thing of the past.

Wilmington edged Melrose by a score of 37.5 to 34.5, putting a rather dark era for Wilmington golf in the rearview mirror.

"I am so proud of the team," said WHS coach Mike Maloney, which marked the first win for the first-year coach. "They all battled and did exactly what we've been talking about for the last few weeks, just one more hole per match and we'll get that win."

On Senior Day, seniors Bobby Cyr and Joey Galvin put forth tremendous efforts in the first pairing to get the match started in Wilmington's direction. Cyr won 5.5 to 3.5 while Galvin fell 5-4.

"It was so special to see Bobby and Joey play so well and give us a lead after their match," said Maloney.

After another split in the second group with Ayden Balter winning 5-4 and Roman Synnott coming up short 6-3, it was starting to come down to the wire at Hillview Golf Course.

"Ayden continues to win for us and did so at the three spot today and Roman battled in his match as well, getting a big three points against a tough opponent," said Maloney.

After an instrumental win on the ninth hole by Nate Anderson (6-3 victory) and Matt Driscoll (5.5 to 3.5 loss), things were all tied up heading into the final pairing.

When the final grouping of Ryan Archer (5-4 win) and Austin Harper (5.5 to 3.5 win) had already run away with their match as they made the turn to the ninth tee box, Maloney knew the win was in the bag.

"I'm just thrilled," Maloney added. "Sixty-one match losing streak in the rear view mirror."

Last week, the team competed in three other matches, starting with a 46.5-25.5 loss to Watertown on Tuesday.

The following day the team traveled to Thomson Country Club for a match with Wakefield, where they fell 48.5-23.5.

Balter headlined the performance with the Wildcats' lone individual win with his 5.5-3.5 victory.

The team concluded the week with a 57.5-14.5 loss to Belmont on Thursday.

The 'Cats looked to carry their momentum into a match with Woburn on Tuesday before playing Arlington on Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

After a week with three competitive matches, the Wilmington High volleyball squad unfortunately didn't come away with any tallies to the win column.

On Tuesday, the team started its week with a 3-2 loss to Watertown before its 3-1 loss to Melrose on Thursday.

"My player of the game for Melrose was Junior Maddie Krueger who came in off the bench and received three kills and one block with a 0.429 hitting percentage," said WHS coach Mollie Pelletier.

The team capped off their week with a 3-0 loss to Shawsheen Tech on Friday.

Shaylan Bresnahan led the way with eight kills and a block and a 0.467 hitting percentage. Paige Fuller was right behind her, adding three kills and a block.

The 'Cats step into another busy week, with matches against Lexington on Wednesday and Woburn on Thursday.

BOYS SOCCER

On the pitch, the Wilmington High boys soccer team endured an 0-2 week following losses to Watertown and Melrose.

In Wednesday's 3-1 loss to Watertown, the 'Cats were able to get on the board first.

"Mike Oatis scored his first varsity goal after an alert play had him stripping the goalie of the ball



▲ Goalie Alyssa Stack makes a save against Burlington.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

and finishing into the empty net," said WHS coach Stephen Scanlon.

After allowing three goals in the second half, Wilmington was never able to catch up. Tyler Marinho made seven saves in net.

On a rainy Friday afternoon, Wilmington fell to Melrose 3-0.

"Both teams struggled in the first half due to weather conditions," said Scanlon. "Melrose found their groove in the second half and pulled away."

The 'Cats looked for their first win on Tuesday against Burlington, then match up with Lexington on Thursday.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Wilmington Boys and Girls cross country teams raced at the Frank Kelley Invitational at Wrentham.

The first race was the Freshman/Sophomore Boys race and there were 329 runners that finished that

race. Medaling for the Wildcats were Gavin Dong who placed 13th in a time of 10:23.9 and Jake Cronin who placed 22nd with a time of 10:42.7.

As a team, Wilmington finished 6th with 239 points.

Next up was the Freshman/Sophomore Girls race and there were 210 runners that finished that race.

Medaling for WHS was Charlotte Kiley who placed 13th in a time of 12:34.5 and Isabel Carriere who placed 29th in a time of 13:01.5.

As a team the Wildcats finished 8th with 207 points.

Next was the Junior/Senior Boys race and there were 254 runners that finished that race. Medaling for WHS was Jameson Burns who placed 20th in a time of 10:16.3.

As a team, Wilmington finished 12th with 316 points.

The last race was the Junior/Senior Girls race and there were 188 runners that finished that race. Medaling for the Wildcats were Addy Hunt who placed 7th in a time of 11:47.8 and Hannah Bryson who was 10th in a time of 12:06.9.

The teams competed against Stoneham last Tuesday at the Middlesex Fells Reservoir in Stoneham. The distance of the race was 3.0 miles. The girls won by a score of 20-39 to improve their record to 3-0. Leading the way for the Wildcats was Hannah Bryson and Addy Hunt who finished 1st and 2nd and ran 20:49.0 and 20:50.0, re-

spectively. They were followed by Charlotte Kiley (3rd), Mia Stryhalaleck (6th), Isabel Carriere (8th), Kaitlyn Shackelford (9th) and Bela Zaya (10th).

The boys were also victorious by a score of 18-43 to improve their record to 2-1.

Wilmington's top runner was senior captain Jameson Burns who finished first in a time of 17:34.0.

Also finishing in the top 10 for WHS was Gavin Dong (2nd), Jake Cronin (3rd), Michael Dynan (5th), Dean Ciampa (7th), David Dynan (8th), Vibhush Sivakumar (9th) and Spencer Bagtaz (10th).

FIELD HOCKEY

The Wilmington High field hockey team spent most of the first quarter on its own end of the field playing defense against a much-improved Burlington squad on Thursday, but eventually rallied for a 2-1 victory.

The Red Devils eventually took a 1-0 lead and had a chance to make it 2-0 when BHS was awarded a penalty stroke, but a nice pad save by senior goalie Alyssa Stack kept BHS off the scoreboard.

Finally, the Wildcat offense started clicking.

Sophomore Leah Langone scored to tie the game in the second quarter and then made it 2-1 with another tally with just 6:56 to go.

The WHS defense was led by senior Gracy Giammarco, junior Jordan Bornstein and senior Emma-Rose Toomey.



▲ The Wilmington High golf team snapped a long losing streak with a victory over Melrose on Monday.

(Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram volleyball improves to 7-1

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The Shawsheen Tech volleyball team won two matches last week to improve its record to 7-1 overall and a perfect 5-0 in Commonwealth Athletic Conference action.

The Rams earned a 3-0 sweep against Wilmington last Friday with set scores of 25-22, 25-3 and 25-19.

Junior Faith Martin had six kills for the Rams and senior Reagan Bowden contributed five. Senior Cade Barron went on a 16-point serving streak in the second set.

In a 3-1 win against Greater Lowell, Shawsheen won 25-20 and 25-23 with the set score tied at 1-1.

Strong play at the net from Bowden, Haylee Johnston and Frankie Reardon sparked the victory. The Ram defense was led by Izzy DiSalvo (14 digs) and Bowden (13 digs).

After playing Mystic Valley on Tuesday, Shawsheen has home matches against Lowell Catholic on Thursday and Lawrence on Friday.

BOYS SOCCER

On Monday, the Shawsheen Tech boys soccer team edged Lynn Tech by a 2-1 score on the road.

Down 1-0, the Rams tied

the game on a goal when senior Shane MacArthur served an exceptional corner kick and junior Jayden Perez timed his jump perfectly to head the ball into the back of the net.

Shawsheen moved ahead to stay with seven minutes to go when junior Niko Georgoulis scored from in close with assists to junior Nick Palmerino and sophomore Landon Babot.

Senior goalie Nick Gerasimov was outstanding all night along with fellow captain senior Brian Duhamel in leading the Rams to this victory.

On Saturday, the Rams topped Greater Lawrence, 3-0.

The first goal was from Perez on a nice give-and-go from junior Jack Bourque. Georgoulis also assisted.

Palmerino and Georgoulis had Ram goals in the second half with assists to junior Ethan Melanson and MacArthur.

Gerasimov earned shut-out No. 4 in goal.

Sophomore David Vitale, senior Corey Kirchner and junior Kaleb Molina also played well for the Rams.

Shawsheen also defeated Lowell Catholic by a score of 2-0.

Vitale finished a nice feed from senior Mason O'Rourke for the first goal while Bourque had the second with an assist to senior Matt Ramsey.

Playing well for the Rams were junior Jason Dube, Molina, Palmerino and Babot.

GIRLS SOCCER

Last week, the Shawsheen Tech girls soccer team played to a 2-2 tie against Innovation Academy, moving the Rams to 1-4-1 overall and 0-2-1 in Commonwealth Athletic Conference play.

Junior Judith Sloman started in goal for the first time and allowed only one goal. Innovation scored its other goal on a penalty shot.

Sophomore Maria Cafaro had the first Ram goal and senior Ayla Biscan had the other.

Cafaro and sophomore Ava Noble had assists in the match.

Also playing well for the team were the midfielders Natalia Portillo-Pitta, Riley Rouke and Jailyn DiNuccio.

Sloman had six saves in goal.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Shawsheen Tech cross country teams lost to Greater Lowell last week.

The Ram girls lost 15-50 and the boys were defeated, 21-40.

Noah Brooks and Will Biscan led the way for the Shawsheen boys with respective times of 16:50 and 17:20.

The top runner for the girls was Ellie Matheson a freshman, who surprised everyone with her performance. (25:19). Second for the Rams was Junior Corrine Foley (26:21) and third was another upcoming freshman Eloise Krochune (27:08).

GOLF

Shawsheen Tech's golf team improved its terrific record to 13-0 by beating Essex Tech by a score of 171-125.

Low medalist for the round was Matt Tramonte with a 36 and 34 points.

Also scoring for the Rams was Chase Darcey with a 38 and 30 points, Larry Cullity with a 39 and 28 points, Colin Lawson with a 40 and 27 points and Derek Nazzaro with a 41 and 26 points.

The Rams also beat Nashoba Tech, 177-130.

Low medalist for the round was Max Carpenter with a 35 and 33 points.

Shawsheen also topped Burlington and Billerica.

In a 183-151 win over the Indians, low medalist for the round was Liam Milne with a 36 and 34 points.

The Rams topped Burlington by a score of 41.5 to 30.5.

Low medalist for the round was Tramonte with a 4-under-par 31, finishing his match 8-1.

Youth Hockey:

Two more wins for Bantam 1's

The Bantam 1's Wilmington Wildcats faced off against the Triton Junior Maples in Valley League play recently as Wilmington looked to continue its hot start and remain undefeated.

The boys did just that, skating to a 4-1 victory.

The Wildcats got on the scoreboard early to go up 1-0 on a Cody Mastronardi goal assisted by Henry Almeda. Wilmington added a second goal in the period to take a 2-0 advantage as Mastronardi scored his second goal of the game with assist coming from Ryan and Masen Voner.

The Junior Maples were able to cut the deficit to 2-1 early in the second period and the scored remained 2-1 until late in the second period when Alex Sullivan put the Wildcats up 3-1 with assists from Jon Cavanaugh and Mickey Morney with 3.7 seconds left in the period.

In the ensuing faceoff off, a Mickey Moroney faceoff win, Masen Voner took a shot from the blue line which went in as time expired in the period to put the Wildcats up 4-1.

The third period the teams skated evenly where Wilmington was able to protect the lead with strong defensive from Colin Doherty and Connor Jamison and Nolan Harrison in goal stopping all chances for the Wilmington win.

The Bantam 1's continued Valley League play on Friday, Sept. 29, facing off against the Haverhill Thunder who were coming off their first defeat of the season.

Wilmington made it two losses in a row for Haverhill with a 4-1 victory.

Wilmington once again struck first to go up 1-0 on a goal by Dylan Minasian with an assist coming from Tyler Boutiette.

Dylan Mainini got the start in goal for the Wildcats and was sharp throughout, making all saves in the first period.

The Thunder though got the tying goal just over four minutes into the second period on a goal from Jacob Lebel, assisted by Rocco Belfiore. The score remained tied for much of the second period until Tyler Boutiette put Wilmington up 2-1 with just over a minute left in the period on a goal assisted by Henry Almeda.

Wilmington added a third goal to go up 3-1 on a breakaway goal by Devin MacDonald, who was sent on the break on a nice take away by Nate Murphy, who was credited with the assist on the goal.

The third period the Thunder managed to turn up the pressure, but Wilmington's defense was up to the task with strong play from Connor Jameison and Colin Doherty.

Dylan Mainini was strong in the third period, turning away all 12 shots that Thunder put on him. The Thunder pulled their goalie for the extra skater down two goals with under a minute left, but Nate Murphy was able to score on the empty net with 21 seconds left on a pass from Jon Cavanaugh to seal the victory.



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